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UNIONISTS PLAN TARIFF REFORM

WILL GIVE PREFERENCE
TO COLONIAL WHEAT

Duties on Practically All Goods
Not Deemed Raw
Material.

London, Dec. 8.—The Birmingham Daily Post to-day publishes an article from inspired sources outlining the tariff reform plan which is likely to be proposed by the Unionist government. It is proposed to establish a general tariff, placing duties on practically all goods that are not deemed raw material, with the object, first, of raising revenue, secondly, of assisting the home producer against foreign competition, third, of giving preference to colonies, fourth, of securing better terms from foreign countries, and fifth, of giving employment by encouraging home production.

The tariff will be of the simplest possible form, not protective in the sense that is understood in Germany and the United States. There is no intention of having multifarious rates, which would throw open the doors to parliamentary intrigue. The plan favored is to allow raw materials to enter duty free and to impose a five per cent duty on partly manufactured goods, ten per cent on articles nearly completed and fifteen per cent on goods completely manufactured. There may possibly be a slightly lower duty in favor of the colonies and a slightly higher tariff against countries seeking unduly to penalize British goods.

Foreign wheat will be liable to a duty of two shillings per quarter, with preference to the colonies, but not the removal of the whole duty. Flour will pay a higher rate in order to encourage home grindings while bacon and mutton will also be excluded from the free list. Important raw material, such as cotton and wool, will enter free.

A tariff framed thus, it is stated, would produce a revenue of from £15,000,000 to £20,000,000. If the Unionists are returned, every measure will be made to embody the new duties in 1910 or at latest in 1911. Maximum duties will be withheld for two years, in order to give time to negotiate commercial agreements with foreign countries.

Mr. Wyndham's Speech.

Right Hon. George Wyndham, member of the House of Commons for Dover, speaking in London last night, also intimated the intention of the Unionists to propose a ten per cent duty on manufactured articles and two shillings on wheat.

Advocate Free Trade.

Charles Wright Macara, head of the cotton federation of Great Britain, in an interview on the political crisis, revealed himself as a strong advocate of free trade.

"In fifteen years, Lancashire," he said, "was doubled in population, had doubled its cotton-spinning and manufacturing machinery and built up an export trade three times bigger than its home trade. This former growth has been maintained by the cheapness of production. Tax food and mill requisites and our pre-eminence would be endangered. Protected America, where two-thirds of the world's cotton crop grows, exports ten per cent of her manufactured goods against England's 15 per cent. Hitherto, other nations have discounted to some extent the advantages of working longer hours, but next year the mills of Massachusetts and Germany will by statute have their working hours reduced to nearly the same level as England. Let the cotton industry be imperilled and every other industry suffers. The teeming population of Lancashire are among the biggest consumers of agricultural products."

WAGES INCREASED.

Lansing, Mich., Dec. 8.—The Michigan Central railroad has increased trainmen's wages 6 per cent, and operators 14 per cent.

PANAMA-PACIFIC EXPOSITION PLANNED

Will Be Held at San Francisco
to Commemorate Opening
of Canal.

(Times Leased Wire.)

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 8.—The projected Panama-Pacific exposition took definite shape yesterday when a mass meeting, which included 500 of the city's most representative business men, enthusiastically ratified the preliminary measure of various committees and appointed a committee which will choose a ways and means committee of 200 to carry on the work of preparation.

The exposition will be held in this city to commemorate the opening of the Panama canal to commerce. This makes the second Panama canal exposition planned in the state, San Diego having announced its plans some time ago.

SWITCHMEN ARE CONFIDENT

WILL NOT SEEK AID
FROM FEDERATION

Leaders Believe They Will Win
Without Sympathetic
Strikes.

(Times Leased Wire.)

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 8.—President Hawley, of the Switchmen's Union of North America, will go to Cincinnati to-night. He will meet Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, in that city, presumably to discuss the switchmen's strike that has resulted in the demoralization of freight transportation throughout the Northwest.

Strike leaders here declare that no effort will be made to enlist active support from the American Federation. They stated their confidence of winning their fight against the railroads without the aid of sympathetic strikes on the part of other laborers. It is believed, however, that Hawley will endeavor to secure from Gompers some statement that will strengthen the position of the strikers.

The Trainmen.

New York, Dec. 8.—Fifth Vice President Murdoch, of the Railway Trainmen's union, declared to-day that there is little probability of the strike that has paralyzed freight movements in the northwest extending to the Atlantic seaboard.

He stated, however, that the members of his organization and the conductors and other employees on 20 eastern railroads on January 2, would demand an increase of wages and a concession regarding the number of working hours. This demand will be made by the men as employees of the individual roads, and not as the members of an organization.

RAILWAY SALE.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 8.—The Norfolk & Southern railway property was yesterday bid in by the organization committee for \$2,500,000. The property was knocked down to Nathaniel Gardner, of New York, in the name of the committee.

HONDURAS NOW FEARS INVASION

MARTIAL LAW IS
PROCLAIMED IN REPUBLIC

It is Believed Deposed President
is Preparing to Seek
Revenge.

(Times Leased Wire.)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 8.—The government of Honduras, apprehending an armed invasion, has proclaimed martial law throughout the republic. This information has reached the state department, but no indication was given as to the source from which the invasion was expected.

It is believed, however, that Manuel Bonilla, former president of Honduras, who was deposed by President Davila through the help of Zelaya, may be taking advantage of the situation in Nicaragua to seek revenge. For some time it has been suspected among Central American states that Bonilla sympathized with Zelaya in his efforts to crush the revolution under Estrada, and it is thought that Bonilla's threatened invasion of Honduras at this time would serve the double purpose of preventing any aid being given Zelaya and at the same time render possible the overthrow of the Davila government.

INDUSTRIALISTS TIRE OF IMPRISONMENT

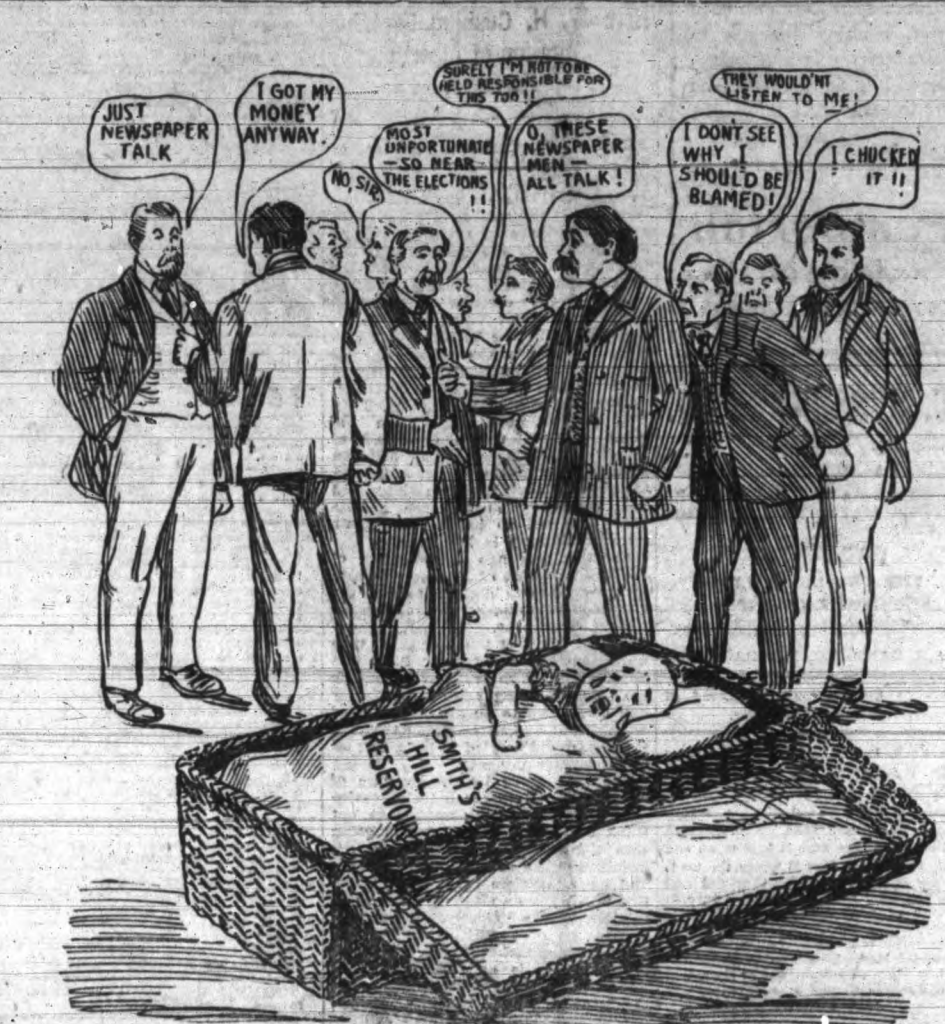
Attempt to Escape From Temporary Jail Frustrated by Guards.

(Times Leased Wire.)

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 8.—Weary of their long confinement to disgruntled and bewildered members of the Industrial Workers of the World attempted to break from the Franklin school last night, but for the vigilance of the Spokane police the temporary jail would have been empty to-day.

The delivery was planned for last evening just as the night shift was going on duty. The prisoners had removed the brick partitions in the air shaft leading from the second floor to the basement, had armed themselves with a piece of steel, had piled up tiers of brick behind the radiators in the east room and needed only to kick out a wooden gate in the basement to gain freedom.

When Officer Wilds investigated and found the attempt at freedom, the brick partition on the second floor as well as the one on the first floor, had been removed.



LOCATING THE FATHER.

KING LEOPOLD IN CRITICAL CONDITION

Aged Ruler of the Belgians is
Believed to Be
Dying.

(Times Leased Wire.)

Brussels, Dec. 8.—In spite of the official bulletin issued to-day stating that King Leopold's condition is improved, it is believed that the aged monarch is dying.

Leopold is suffering from a paralytic stroke, which threatens to render him absolutely helpless. In view of his advanced age, 74 years, little hope of his recovery is entertained to-day. His nephew, Prince Albert, is the heir presumptive.

ESCAPING GAS CAUSES EXPLOSION

Over Score of Men Killed and
Forty Injured in Ham-
burg.

(Times Leased Wire.)

Hamburg, Dec. 8.—The explosion of the gas tanks in the so-called "Kleine Grasgraben" on the Elbe front yesterday afternoon, was followed by an explosion in a new gasometer. Escaping gas entered the room, where it came in contact with the fire, causing a terrible explosion. A large number of workmen were engaged in rebuilding and enlarging the plant.

Twenty-five men who were working near the gasometer disappeared in a mass of flames which shot up to a great height. Firemen appeared in large force because of the isolated situation of the establishment.

Early to-day ten men are reported dead and 17 missing. It is almost certain that all these are dead. Forty men were dangerously injured, several fatally.

The fire spread rapidly and threatened the old gasometer, containing 2,000 cubic meters. So intense was the heat and so dangerous their position that the firemen were compelled to withdraw. A terrific explosion soon occurred and the tower became a mass of flames, which leaped hundreds of feet over the city and harbor.

After strenuous efforts the fire was got under control and rescue work began. Little hope of finding the bodies of the missing is held, as they undoubtedly have been incinerated.

The new gasometer, which exploded, was the largest in the world, having a capacity of 200,000 cubic meters. The city appropriated 14,000,000 marks (\$2,500,000) for its construction.

THE ROOSEVELT PARTY.

(By a Staff Correspondent of the United Press.)

Nairobi, British East Africa, Dec. 8.—Kermit Roosevelt arrived here to-day after a successful two weeks in the Mau forests. Colonel Roosevelt and the members of his party expect to arrive here from Londrina Saturday. Unusual success, the reports indicate, has attended their hunting there.

MANY READY FOR THE OFFICE

PREMIER TO HAVE
TASK SELECTING

H. B. Thomson is Among
Those Spoken of for
Cabinet.

Premier McBride, on his return to the province this afternoon, will be called upon to consider the claims of the various seekers after the portfolio which remains to be filled in the cabinet. There is no lack of aspirants for the position.

A strong delegation from Prince Rupert is to urge the claims of William Manson, the elected member for Skeena. It was on the strength of having a man, whom it was felt would be likely to be acceptable to the premier as a cabinet minister, that Mr. Manson was given such a large majority in the election. The new city is ambitious and no trouble will be spared to have Mr. Manson given cabinet rank.

He was for a few months previous to the general election preceding the one just passed a cabinet minister, filling the portfolio of provincial secretary, and personally very popular in Prince Rupert.

There are others who have served in the House longer, however, who will make a determined effort to take precedence over the former, will, it is expected, be among the names submitted to the premier. He has a strong friend at court in the attorney-general. It has been suggested that if he should be called he might enter the cabinet as attorney general, Hon. W. Bowser taking the portfolio of finance.

Another of the older members in the House mentioned as being possible cabinet minister is H. B. Thomson, of Victoria, whose friends are urging him as a practical business man, well adapted to fill the office of minister of finance. Vancouver, which has never been regarded as being overly modest in the matter of looking after whatever is coming is urging H. B. Thomson, one of the new members with a style of oratory resembling Hon. Mr. Bowser, for minister.

Hon. P. Carter-Cotton has also been thought to be the natural minister of finance, but it is regarded as exceedingly questionable whether such an arrangement will be reached.

Harry Wright, of Nelson, is ambitious and is being urged for cabinet rank, but it is more than probable that he will sit as a private member again.

U. S. CRUISER SINKS AGAIN.

New Bedford, Mass., Dec. 8.—Raised from her bed in the mud of Buzzard's Bay through forty feet of water yesterday, the U. S. cruiser Yankee remained on the surface for a few minutes, then suddenly sank again to the bottom. Two men who were at work inside the hull succeeded in swimming to a place of safety. The Yankee went ashore on the Hen and Chickens reef about a year and a half ago. After being floated once before she sank in Buzzard's Bay.

SOLDIERS FIGHT WHILE ON REVIEW

Scores of Moroccans Killed in
Front of Stand Occupied by
Sultan.

(Times Leased Wire.)

Paris, Dec. 8.—Scores of Moroccan soldiers were killed early to-day during a military review by the Sultan, according to a dispatch received from Fez.

Two regiments recruited from warring desert tribes, the message stated, savagely attacked one another directly in front of the Sultan's reviewing stand. Religious fanaticism is reported to have caused the fight.

WOMAN IS TWICE PRONOUNCED DEAD

Funeral Postponed After the
Mourners Had
Assembled.

(Times Leased Wire.)

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 8.—Is Mrs. Charlotte Willner, who is supposed to have succumbed to heart failure in a dentist's chair on Sunday, alive or dead? This is the question that St. Paul friends of the woman are asking themselves to-day. As the body of Mrs. Willner lay on a morgue slab at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, she was pronounced alive by Isaac Dovernan, an undertaker's assistant and hypnotist, who said that he had brought her back to life by massaging her heart and by directing his will. To prove his assertion before assembled friends, the young man placed a mirror before the lips of the prostrate woman. Vapor formed upon the glass and physicians were immediately summoned. After strenuous efforts were made by the physicians to resuscitate the woman, her lips were seen to move and mutter unintelligibly.

Following the announcement of the physicians the funeral was postponed, and the hearse and 30 carriages were dismissed by excited friends of Mrs. Willner.

Later in the day the assembled physicians announced that rigor mortis had set in and the woman was again pronounced dead.

Eight physicians connected with the case would give little light on the subject to-day.

STUDY OF CANCER.

George Crocker's Will Expected to Bequeath \$1,000,000 for Work.

New York, Dec. 8.—George Crocker, the California miner, who died recently after a long illness from cancer, gave to Columbia University before his death a \$500,000 fund for the study of cancer, and expressed his intention of supplementing this in his will with a \$1,000,000 endowment fund, according to an unofficial announcement published here. It is said that the research work provided for by the \$500,000 fund is already in progress.

FIERCE FIGHTING IN NICARAGUA

GOVERNMENT TROOPS
ARE HARD PRESSED

Victory of Insurgents Over Zelaya's
Force Near Rama
Confirmed.

(Times Leased Wire.)

New Orleans, La., Dec. 8.—Dispatches to-day from Corinto confirm yesterday's cables reporting a decisive insurgent victory over Zelaya's troops under General Vasquez near Rama. The pushing to the utmost the advantage gained and fierce fighting is progressing on the outskirts of the Zelayan army's position.

Between 200 and 300 men fell in yesterday's engagement. Vasquez forces suffered an overwhelming percentage of the casualties, and many of his troops were made prisoners of war.

Vasquez is reported to-day to have retreated into Rama, where he is at bay.

A detachment of his command, cut off by the rebels, fled into the interior, closely pressed by the insurgents. It is believed that the rebels are contemplating moving up on Managua upon the conclusion of the Rama campaign.

The situation at Greytown is reported to be little changed to-day. General Toboada's Zelayan forces retreated into the city after a fight in which they were reported to have been worsted.

General Chamorro's blockade of the Zelayans is generally effective and the rebel leader is reported to be in command of the situation.

Vasquez Condemned to Death.

Mexico City, Dec. 8.—An unconfirmed dispatch from Managua, Nicaragua, says that General Vasquez was tried by court martial to-day and condemned to death because he was defeated by the insurgents in yesterday's battle near Rama.

The news of Vasquez's defeat, the dispatch stated, precipitated a demonstration against Zelaya in Managua.

MORE TROUBLE FOR ZELAYA

FORMER PRESIDENT
WILL TAKE FIELD

Reinforcements on Way to Join
Revolutionists in Nic-
aragua.

(Times Leased Wire.)

New Orleans, La., Dec. 8.—Dr. Cardenas, the former president of Nicaragua, whose administration was overthrown by Zelaya in 1903, has taken the field against the dictator, and is heading an expedition from Costa Rica into Nicaragua, according to advices received by Estrada sympathizers in this city to-day.

Cardenas has mobilized more than 400 men, all well armed and equipped. It is expected that he will pick up Nicaraguan exiles and others enroute who will swell his force to a total of 1,000 men.

Cardenas is reported to be nearing the Nicaraguan boundary with his army. He is expected to enter the capital where it is assumed Zelaya will make his last stand if he reverses to which his soldiers have been subjected at Rama and Bluefields conflicts.

Dr. Cardenas, according to his declaration before leaving his residence in Costa Rica, has no designs upon the Nicaraguan presidency, his unconditional support being pledged to Provo (Concluded on page 16.)

ROYALISTS INJURED IN CAVALRY CHARGE

Troops Use Swords on Rioters
—Number of Men Are
Under Arrest.

(Times Leased Wire.)

Alphons, Dec. 8.—Leon Daudet, son of Alphonse Daudet, the novelist, was arrested to-day with a score of Royalists, after a riot that occurred during a violent celebration of the anniversary of the suicide of Gabriel Syveton.

Six hundred Royalists gathered in the Mont Parnasse cemetery where Syveton's body was buried. The celebration became so violent that a troop of cavalry was dispatched to the scene.

Upon the arrival of the soldiers, the mob armed itself with clubs and stones and a pitched battle ensued. The cavalrymen drew their swords and charged, the horses trampling many of the rioters. Several persons were hurt severely and the supposed leaders placed under arrest.

CHIEF JUSTICE TO LIVE HERE

HON. J. A. MACDONALD
RESIDES IN VICTORIA

Members of Appellate Court All
Here—Will Sit in
January.

Chief Justice Macdonald, of the Court of Appeal, and Mr. Justice Irving, of the Court of Appeal, arrived in the city last evening and are staying at the Empress hotel. They were formally sworn in this morning.

Yesterday afternoon Mr. Justice Irving, of the Court of Appeal, was sworn in by His Honor the Lieut.-Governor. This forenoon Mr. Justice Irving in turn swore in the chief justice and Mr. Justice Gallihier. Mr. Justice Martin, the remaining member of the Court of Appeal, will be sworn in within a short time, disposing of some cases he has in hand before it.

Chief Justice Macdonald has decided to take up his permanent residence in Victoria. He will for the present lease a residence, and later consider the question of building a home. Mrs. Macdonald and children will join him here almost immediately.

It was, of course, optional with him to live either at Vancouver or Victoria, but he chose the Capital City, which to his mind possessed greater charms as a place of permanent residence than the city on Burrard Inlet. He had always been enamored of Victoria and had long cherished an ambition to be enabled to live here altogether, and needless to say he rejoices greatly that he is now so situated as to make this possible.

Mr. Justice Gallihier expects shortly to make his home in Victoria also.

The chief justice announces that the first session of the newly-created appellate court will be held in Victoria, commencing on January 4th next. A proposal had been made that a session might be held at Vancouver before the close of the year, but on examination it was found that the legal business offering was not of a pressing character. The first business to come before the court here will be a couple of criminal appeals.

Mr. Justice Murphy, who was sworn in as a judge of the Supreme Court of British Columbia yesterday, left last evening for the mainland. He will proceed to Rossland to hold court there next week.

Mr. Justice Gregory will leave in a few days to hold court in Nelson.

Of the Supreme court judges Chief Justice Hunter and Mr. Justice Gregory will continue to reside here. The other members of the court, Mr. Justice Morrison, Mr. Justice Clement and Mr. Justice Murphy will make their homes in Vancouver.

SECURES RECORDS.

Agent of United States Land Office
Forced to Obtain Search Warrant.

(Special to the Times.)

Juneau, Dec. 8.—William K. West, a special agent of the general land office, yesterday secured from Judge E. E. Cushman a search warrant for certain official books and documents alleged to be in the United States land office at Juneau. The warrants were served by United States Marshal Sutherland and the books found. In his application for a search warrant, Mr. West alleged that John W. Dugley, registrar, and P. M. Mullen, receiver, of the Juneau office, refused to give him access to certain records, although his commission gave him authority to make a full investigation. The records in question have a bearing on the Cunningham coal claim entries, near Cordova.

INFERNAL MACHINE WRECKS HOUSE

Outrage Reported to Be Due to
Strike of Tin Plate
Workers.

(Times Leased Wire.)

Yonkers, N. Y., Dec. 8.—William Birney, father of a strikebreaker, was badly injured and seven other persons hurt when a house in which they were living at Struthers, Ohio, was shattered by the explosion of an infernal machine placed under the foundation early to-day.

The outrage is alleged to be a result of the strike at the American Tin Plate company. Two adjoining houses were badly damaged.

Three other houses of company officials and employees have been blown up since the strike started.

Detectives have been at work for some time trying to locate the dynamiters but they have gained no clue from to-day's outrage.

The machine was placed in such a position that its explosion might have resulted in many deaths. Several families of strikebreakers occupied the house. The fact that the persons injured were not far greater in number than the fact that most of those due to the blast were in rooms on the other side.

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PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT ASKED TO ASSIST

Hon. W. H. Cushing Explains Situation of Alberta Farmers.

Hon. W. H. Cushing, minister of
public works of Alberta, expects this
afternoon to have an interview with
Premier McBride on the latter's re-
turn from California on a question of
great importance to British Columbia
and particularly the coast cities. Mr.
Cushing will, in brief, make overtures
to the government of this province
looking to the erection of terminal
grain elevators at Vancouver. In an
interview with the Times-to-day Mr.
Cushing outlined the situation. He
said that the farmers of Alberta found
it imperative to get better facilities
for the shipping of their grain. They
were situated 1,200 miles from the
great lakes and thus the province of
Manitoba and Saskatchewan had an
advantage in getting better transpor-
tation facilities. It often happened
that cars intended to reach Alberta
from the east to handle the grain
were grabbed up in Manitoba.

About a year ago a convention of
the grain growers of Alberta was held
at which it was decided to ask the
Dominion government to build elevators
at Vancouver. The federal govern-
ment found it impossible to take
up the enterprise and the C. P. R. was
approached. The railway company
have done nothing nor do they show
any disposition to go ahead and build
elevators. Indeed, it is hinted that the
C. P. R. would be glad to get rid of all
their elevator property.

The next move by the farmers of
Alberta was to approach their provin-
cial government. The latter does not
think they would be justified in going
into the elevator business but are
keenly desirous of aiding the farmers
and have therefore taken the ques-
tion in hand in an effort to reach some
solution of the difficulty. Hence, Mr.
Cushing's visit to British Columbia.

Mr. Cushing makes it clear that Brit-
ish Columbia is as much interested
as Alberta in the matter, for while
the farmers will be benefited by se-
curing these transportation facilities
of which they stand in need the erec-
tion of elevators at the coast will
mean great business development for
this province, the establishment of
lines of steamships and the building
up of trade which is now done at
Montreal. It is understood that Mr.
Cushing will suggest to Premier Mc-
Bride the wisdom of encouraging pri-
vate enterprise in the construction of
elevators at the coast.

CAMPAIGN OPENS FOR THE MAYORALTY

Both Oliver and Turner Putting
Up Aggressive
Fight.

A meeting of the supporters of A. D.
Turner, in his candidature for the
mayorality, was held last evening in
the committee rooms, corner of Fort
and Broad streets. The chair was
taken by E. Temple and E. R. Fleming
was elected secretary. A. B. Ellis
will be chairman of a committee to
convince non-residents and five ward
committees were appointed as fol-
lows: Ward 1, Alexander Monteth;
Ward 2, Thos. Geiger; Ward 3, John P.
Sweeney; Ward 4, E. Greenshaw, and
Ward 5, J. Savannah. A vigorous
campaign will be commenced at once
in the interests of Mr. Turner.

W. E. Oliver will outline his plat-
form as candidate for mayor at a pub-
lic meeting to be held in Pioneer hall
to-morrow evening. A cordial invita-
tion is extended to all electors. Mr.
Oliver will from this date wage an
active campaign. His next public
meeting will be at Spring Ridge, and
the date will be announced just so
soon as the hall has been secured.

Mr. Oliver's opponent of the day, J. H.
Turner, has proved most encouraging. He
has received offers of assistance from
a large number of people who only
know him by reputation, and his sup-
porters are confident that he will poll
a big vote on election day.

PREPARING FOR DECISIVE BATTLE

Rival Leaders in Nicaragua Are Marshalling Their Forces.

(Times Leased Wire.)
New Orleans, La., Dec. 8.—Late dis-
patches from Bluefields to-day are to
the effect that a rumor is current there
that the United States is planning to
establish a blockade of Nicaraguan
ports and hold them for Provisional
President Estrada. The source of this
rumor was not learned, but it is deemed
possible that it emanated from the revo-
lutionary sympathizers.

It is reported that Zelaya is attempt-
ing to flank Estrada's forces and estab-
lish a siege at Bluefields. The revo-
lutionists, however, are confident that
the plan will not succeed and that Ze-
laya is rapidly approaching the end of
his power.

Both commanders in the vicinity of
Rama are marshalling their forces to-
day and it is apparent that a decisive
battle in that section, which probably
will occur to-morrow or Friday, is
impending.

Males outnumber females in India in
the proportion of 1,000 to 932.

IN HANDS OF RECEIVER.

Road Will Be Operated in the Interest of
the Creditors.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 8.—The Ocean
Shore Railroad Company, of San Fran-
cisco, to-day is in the hands of a receiver.
Collector of Customs Frederick Stratton
being appointed to the duty by Judge J.
W. Morrow, of the United States Circuit
court.

The railroad company went into the
hands of the receiver yesterday upon the
petition of the Baldwin Locomotive
Works. Stratton will continue to operate
the road in an effort to assist the credit-
ors to realize upon reported unsecured
claims aggregating \$1,000,000.

PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Jones returned from
Vancouver last evening and are staying
with Mrs. G. H. Liddle, 99 Hillside ave-
nue.

Harry W. Croft will be a passenger for
the North on the May, sailing
Friday night.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

FOR QUICK SALE—4 roomed house on
View street, close to Quadra street.
\$2,500, terms. Apply Tel. 11122. d11

TO LET—Large residence with grounds,
corner of Government and Michigan
streets; immediate possession. Holter-
man, Fornan & Co., 1207 Government
street. d13

FOR SALE—Cheap, one large horse, suit-
able for farm. Apply Dominion Hotel.
d10

SEMPLE'S HALL, Wednesday and
Thursday, Dec. 8th and 9th, the Victoria
West Dramatic Society will present
"Bound by an Oath." Miss Harris or-
chestra. Performance commences at 8
o'clock. Dance on Thursday after the
show. d8

NEW AND SECOND-HAND PIANOS
and organs at extremely low prices—
Hicks & Lovick's stock-reducing sale.
1204 Douglas street. d10

IF YOU ARE PARTICULAR about your
appearance, send your collar and cuffs
to the Standard Laundry, Ltd. Phone
1017. d5

FOR SALE—First-class gent's bicycle,
owner leaving for North Friday. Apply
Box 84, Times. d9

TWO LOTS, 5x120, splendid locality,
corner street. \$1,750.
Northwest Real Estate, 706 Yates. d5

SENT IN FOR US TO SELL—\$2 and \$3
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presents. 718 Fort street. d5

WANTED—By 2 young men, rooms, with
breakfast. Apply, stating terms, Box
847 Times Office. d9

HIGHEST PRICE PAID for stoves and
ranges. Kern, 719 Yates. d5

ON GORGE WATER FRONT—A new 7
roomed story and half modern house
for sale; rooms have good large closets,
enamel bath, washbowl, separate toilet
and toilet in basement, built-in side-
board and bookcase, has large veranda
and balcony upstairs, just the place
from which to view the regatta; lot
has 50 ft. water front and is 250 ft. deep.
price \$4,000, terms. & Letts,
Moody Block, Yates street. d5

ON SAANICH INLET—Half-mile water
front, 12 acres, 5 cleared and fenced, 40
fruit trees and a 3 roomed house, good
fishing and shooting, \$20 per acre, terms.
Vescott & Letts, Moody Block, Yates
street. d5

A LOVELY NEW HOME, six rooms and
conservatory, garden, fruit trees,
chicken houses, excellent locality; price
\$2,900 (worth \$3,500); terms: \$25 down and
\$25 a month. Apply 1824 Belmont Ave.
d5

LOST—On Monday afternoon, between
Bannerman & Horne's and Gordon Head,
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Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 8.—This por-
tion of the southwest experienced stiff
colder weather to-day. Much discom-
fort is being experienced in those cities
and towns in Oklahoma, Kansas and
Western Missouri that depend on nat-
ural gas for heating purposes, be-
cause of the extremely low pressure.

In the pipe lines. Coal dealers are find-
ing it impossible to fill orders promptly.
Below Zero.

Norfolk, Neb., Dec. 8.—Northern Ne-
braska and Western South Dakota and
Northern Wyoming report the coldest
weather of the winter. The tempera-
ture here dropped to 12 below zero. At
Deadwood, S. D., it was 17 below, and
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IMPORTERS WILL NOT
PAY NEW DUTIES

They Are Forced to Abandon
Agreement by Action of
Irresponsible.

London, Dec. 8.—The hope that the
large importers of tea, tobacco and
liquor would continue to pay import
duties provided for in the rejected
budget, pending its final disposition,
was abandoned yesterday when it was
learned that irresponsible importers
had seized the opportunity to import
articles free and undersell the larger
importers who had agreed to pay the
tax.

The big importers by whose agree-
ment to pay a tax pending the Janu-
ary election the government was
counting on to escape financial em-
barrassment, must now follow the ex-
ample set by the irresponsible im-
porters or lose trade.

INTERCOLONIAL

BILLS CONSIDERED

Government Seeks Power to
Acquire Feeders—The
Naval Bill.

Ottawa, Dec. 8.—The major part of
yesterday's sitting of the House was
taken up by the consideration of two
of Hon. G. P. Graham's intercolonial
bills. The first and more important
gives the government power to enter
into negotiations for the acquisition
by lease or otherwise of branch lines
connecting with the people's road. This
was dealt with exhaustively in the
committee stage, and now stands for
third reading. The other measure
amends the intercolonial provident
fund regulations, reducing the time
for a member to participate.

Hon. Mr. Graham in moving the
second reading of his bill to authorize
the government to acquire by lease
lines of railways connected with the
government railway, explained that it
gave the minister power to lease or ac-
quire branch lines on the report of the
intercolonial board of management. No
lines shall be taken over unless the
chief engineer of the department re-
ports that they are in good order and
in safe condition for operation, and
no lines shall be taken over and no
contract entered into without first sub-
mitting it to parliament for approval.
This bill called for a variety of opin-
ions.

W. F. Maclean asked if this meant
a step further in the way of govern-
ment ownership.

Hon. Mr. Graham laughed and avoid-
ed a direct reply to this.

Hon. John Haegart asked what lines
were in view as possible of absorption.
He did not see the necessity of the bill.
It asked for power to negotiate, but
merely the government possessed that
without coming to parliament.

Hon. Mr. Graham replied that no
particular branch lines were in his
mind when the bill was framed. So
long as the government owned the
road, which he hoped would be for
many years to come, it was their duty
to make the best possible success of it.

R. L. Borden thought that it was a
wise provision to come to parliament
for the right to negotiate for feeders
of the I. C. R.

Naval Bill.

To Mr. Borden Sir Wilfrid Laurier
said it was hoped to introduce the naval
bill immediately after the disposal of
the budget next week.

Mr. Monk asked that there should be
laid on the table of the House all cor-
respondence, dispatches, cables and
communications between the Imperial
and Canadian governments concerning

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SACQUES, in fancy stripes, in
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the naval defence programme since the
conference held in London last sum-
mer.

The Premier said he had no objection
to this being done.

L. F. Schaffner brought up the case
of Rev. T. Davidson, of Belfast, Ire-
land, who had been turned back at the
border and sent to Winnipeg to take
out papers to the effect that he was
not an undesirable. Dr. Schaffner asked
what the government was going to
do about these frequent cases of ap-
parently high-handed officialism on the
part of the United States immigra-
tion authorities.

Hon. F. Oliver replied that the gov-
ernment had no jurisdiction over these
American officials.

Hon. E. G. Foster said this reply was
far from satisfactory. Last season the
whole matter was gone into in similar
cases, and the premier then intimated
that it would be taken up with the
United States. Canada showed poor
spirit unless they resented such indig-
nities. The government should take the
matter up and probe it.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier said he was un-
der the impression that representations
had been made and some arrangement
arrived at.

TO IMPROVE THE CANADIAN PACIFIC

Appropriations Amounting to
\$2,000,000 Will Be
Asked.

Vancouver, Dec. 8.—Nearly all de-
tails of the project for building a sub-
urban railway from the city front and the
False Creek railway yards have been
worked out by the local engineering
staff of the Canadian Pacific railway.
The proposed work may be started next
year. It would do away with the
present surface track across the nar-
row neck of land separating the inlet
from False Creek. The track now be-
sides Powell, Cordova, Alexandra, Cor-
rall, Hastings and Pender streets.
An appropriation of \$1,000,000 for the
work will be asked for by F. F. Bus-
sted, general superintendent of the Pa-
cific division of the railway, at the
annual conference of officials of all the
western divisions to be held in Winni-
peg next week, under the direction of
William Whyte.

Another important matter to be
dealt with at the Winnipeg conference
will be the proposed improvements
along the main line between Lytton
and Hope, embracing the Fraser River
canyon. This work will also call for
the expenditure of at least a million
dollars. It will virtually involve the re-
building of many miles of line be-
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S. C. Pierce, Accused of Per-
jury, is Acquitted in
Court in Texas.

Austin, Texas, Dec. 8.—Judge Cal-
houn yesterday sustained the immu-
nity plea of S. C. Pierce, the oil ma-
gnate, charged with perjury and ordered
the jury to return a verdict of acquit-
tal. Pierce was freed 15 minutes
after the case was called.

Judge Calhoun's ruling was based on
the Missouri law which gives immu-
nity to corporation officers testifying in
cases. Calhoun held that the case
against Pierce was based solely on his
testimony in the Standard Oil case in
Missouri, when he admitted that the
Waters-Pierce Oil Company was a sub-
sidiary of the Standard Oil Company.

Property Sold.
Austin, Texas, Dec. 8.—At public auc-
tion yesterday the Texas property of
the Waters-Pierce Oil Company was
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and other proceedings instituted some
time ago.

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EXPRESS COMPANY LIABLE.

Chicago, Dec. 8.—The Appellate court
of the first district yesterday an-
nounced a decision holding that an ex-
press company is liable for the full
value of goods destroyed in transit
through the negligence of the carrier,
rather than the arbitrary value of \$50
placed on all express packages where
the value is not specifically stated by
the shipper when the consignment is
made.

BLACKSMITH'S STRIKE.

Schenectady, N. Y., Dec. 8.—Six hun-
dred blacksmiths and boiler-makers of
the local branch of the American Lo-
comotive company went out on a strike
yesterday for higher wages.

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INVESTIGATING RISE IN PRICE OF PROVISIONS

Seattle Grand Jury Will Go Into
All Phases of Food Trust
Question.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 8.—The price of
Thanksgiving turkeys is to be a mat-
ter of inquiry by the grand jury of
this county. When the grand jury
convened two weeks ago, the unusual
price of turkeys was attracting atten-
tion and it was alleged that a com-
bination of dealers had been effected
to force up the price of the popular
bird.

Detectives were set to work to as-
certain by what method the prices had
been advanced. According to infor-
mation furnished the grand jury by its
special agents, the market was so
manipulated that dealers were forced
to accept the terms made by the al-
leged combination. It is proposed to
summon both big and little dealers to
testify.

Charges have been filed with the
grand jury that the wholesale com-
mission men have conspired to control the
provision market, in a manner in-
jurious to the trade. The grand jury
purposes going into every phase of
the food trust question, and the price
of turkeys is but one feature of its
work. Recent advances in grocery
prices, the butter and egg market and
the price of meat will be subjects of
inquiry.

SIX DAYS WITHOUT FOOD.

Man Found in Critical Condition in
Railway Freight Car.

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 8.—After lying
in a box car six days without food, Al-
fred Webb, a gas fitter, is slowly re-
covering at the county hospital. Webb
was discovered on a siding in the
Northern Pacific yards in South Tac-

ma by two boys who opened the car
in search of coal. He was found huddled
up in a corner of the car under a
ragged blanket. The boys supposed
him dead and notified the police. Webb,
who recently came here from Port-
land, said yesterday that he crawled
into the car because he was ill and had no place to
go.

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feet thick is taken up into the clouds.

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CONTROLLERS AND THEIR DUTIES

We have no doubt the advocates of a Board of Control for Victoria entertain a lively hope that the creation of such a body will cure all the municipal ills from which the city has been suffering for many years; yet it does appear to us that more substantial reasons or the faith that is in them will have to be advanced than any that have yet been printed by these advocates before the taxpayers would be justified in endorsing the proposal. If passing from the simple to the complex contained an assurance of an honest, efficient and economical administration of public business, the solution of many problems now engaging the attention of reformers in all parts of the world would be easy.

As an example of the off-hand manner in which the case for the creation of a Board of Control can be established we have but to consider one of the arguments published in the Colonist this morning. Our contemporary says if the affairs of the city had been administered by a Board of Control during the past year the ratepayers would have known at once when to hold responsible for the apparent blots that have been made of the construction of the Smith's Hill reservoir. As the matter stands, we are told, no one can be held responsible. There is no means of ascertaining who is to blame—the engineer who drew the plans and is supposed to have supervised the work, the Water Commissioner who is understood to have been second in authority to the engineer, the expert in concrete work who resigned because he could not conscientiously accept responsibility for the manner in which that work was being done, the expert who became the successor of the first expert, or the foreman in whose competence the Water Commissioner is said to have displayed more confidence than in the expert in concrete who resigned.

We may be dull, for we confess our inability to follow the reasoning of our contemporary. We do not admit yet that the responsibility for the failure of the Smith's Hill reservoir cannot be ascertained and laid upon the proper shoulders. Nor do we concede that if the administration of the city's affairs had been vested in a Board of Control with a controller passing upon the plans of the engineer, sitting daily upon the work of the concrete expert and criticizing regularly the manner in which the foreman directed the operations of the men under his charge, that therein would have been a guarantee that the receiving basin would have been a perfect piece of work after its kind. It seems to us that before such a proposition can be satisfactorily established the controller in control would have to be an individual possessing multifarious qualifications—engineer, concrete expert, rock worker, etc., all rolled into one accomplished personality. The question therefore arises, and we submit it that it is a vital question, is whether persons possessing such qualifications are likely to offer themselves for the positions of controllers in the city of Victoria; at least, it may be well to remember that what has been said in regard to one controller will apply to all three of them. We have now two city engineers, superintendents of street work, park supervisors and bosses and foremen of all grades and standing. None of these, we are told, can be held responsible for the manner in which they discharge their duties unless we put a controller over them. The public may surely be excused if it stands temporarily aghast at the prospect of a multiplication of civic officials, and more than aghast at the problem presented to it of selecting from among the candidates who may offer an individual with a single head capable of passing judgment upon the work of them all.

The case for the controllership is, however, more convincingly put by Mr. Drury, who discusses the question in another column of this issue of the Times. Our correspondent argues for the creation of a Board of Control upon the grounds that such a body would relieve the City Council of all administrative duties, leaving it free to devote practically all its attention to legislation, and that under such a system the whole administration, elective and permanent, would be more directly responsible to the people. These points are worthy of consideration, although we do not grant that they are well taken.

For example, it is hardly clear how the substitution of two year terms for terms of one year would have the effect of rendering the civic service more directly responsible to the people. The aldermen are now compelled to render an account of their stewardship annually. The permanent officials

are understood to be absolutely under the control of the aldermen. If any of these officials prove inefficient or neglectful of their duties, they are under the control of the council, and if the council has not the necessary backbone to discharge its obvious duty it can be dealt with by the people at the yearly elections. Under the circumstances, therefore, how can it be said that the creation of a Board of Control charged with the duty of civic administration and elected for a term of two years would have the effect of making responsibility to the citizens more direct?

The fact is, there is but one argument that can be effectively raised for the substitution of administration by a Board of Control for administration by the City Council as a whole. That is that the business of the city has outgrown the existing system. There are differences of opinion in regard to the proposition. Boards of Control have given satisfaction in some of the larger cities of the Dominion, and no one would ever suggest a reversion to the old order in these cities. But there are also cities of much greater proportions than either Toronto or Winnipeg which have adhered to the older and better tried system and have never felt the necessity for a change. They are also the best governed cities in the world. But of course, candor compels the admission that the conditions in the old-world communities are radically different from circumstances in the new. In the former there are numbers of men in such circumstances that they can afford to give their services to their fellows gratuitously. They seek no other reward than the gratification of seeing the cities in which they take a pride and in which all their interests lie well governed. On this, contentment we must accommodate ourselves to the conditions as we find them.

In the meantime we think the proposition for the establishment of a Board of Control in Victoria has not reached such a concrete form that it can be discussed intelligently or pronounced upon definitely. Let the question lie before the people for a year. Fix the salaries, outline the duties, explain the status of the controllers, in order that the public may know exactly the nature of the responsibility they are asked to assume. There is surely no necessity for undue haste in a matter of such far-reaching importance.

THE DEMAND FOR CHINESE LABOR

May we be permitted to suggest to our esteemed correspondent, "A. B. C." and others that the province of British Columbia is the only portion of the British Empire or of the world of Anglo-Saxonism that is wrestling with the problem of domestic help and perceives no immediate prospect of its solution. The situation is not so acute, perhaps, in the heart of the Empire as it is at its outposts; but the want is sufficiently felt to call for comment and speculation as to the ultimate outcome. One authority explained just the other day, indeed, that the cost of domestic labor has advanced by fully a hundred per cent. in Great Britain within a very few years.

The difficulty might be met in a way as far as British Columbia and other parts of the West are concerned in a very simple manner, as "A. B. C." suggests, by letting down the barriers against the Oriental, or rather in favor of the Chinese, who is highly esteemed in certain circles because of his docility and some other commendable qualities. But in such a matter there is more than the comfort and the convenience of a special class of the community to be considered. There are larger interests at stake, and it is just a question whether these could be effectively protected by officially labeling the immigrant and limiting the number of his kind who could be permitted to exercise his extremely diversified talents. It is impossible to foretell what may come, so pass in either the immediate or the remote future, but, as far as present appearances go, there is no prospect whatever of any government of Canada changing the regulations under which Orientals are admitted to this country.

We are all familiar with the argument bearing upon the necessity of communities having at their command a certain amount of manual labor. The Israelites of old spared the Canaanites whose land they acquired by conquest and made of them hewers of wood and drawers of water. The arrangement proved a convenience, but it did not turn out to be an advantage. The Romans made slaves of a certain number of the peoples they conquered. For a time they revelled in luxury, their patrician haughtiness preventing them from engaging in any art but the destructive art of war. Having nothing useful to which to apply themselves, the Romans gave themselves up to debauchery, and the Empire declined and finally fell before the rude and despoiling northern barbarians.

There may be a moral to be drawn and a lesson to be learned from the facts of history. Economic problems usually solve themselves satisfactorily if given time. The matter of supply and demand in respect of domestic labor will adjust itself. There is always a balancing process going on. In the meantime, while we sympathize with the inconvenience to which many in British Columbia are subjected by reason of the scarcity of domestic help and doubt not that all the time at their

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MR. ICKE EXPLAINS AND ASSERTS

To the Editor: Surely Mr. Mayor's ideas as to what is correct and regular are unique. The water commissioner is the ostensible head of the water-works department, and what right had I to assume that reports made to him would not forthwith be put before the council? Besides the council never looked to me direct for reports or information. The only place I saw the mayor when leaving was at the entrance to the city hall, when he was engaged in earnest conversation with one or two gentlemen, and I had to interrupt him to pay my respects and say good-bye. He never gave me a recommendation to anybody. When some six months ago I did tell the mayor himself he did not believe me, but informed me in the most complacent manner that all that was wanted was to brush over the face of the concrete with a cement wash. When the water commissioner contradicted Ald. Ross at the council meeting the mayor could easily have stated the facts of the case, as he must have recollected what I had told him. If the water commissioner denies that I condemned the concrete to him at the time this part of the work was begun I can readily prove that what I have said is absolutely true.

I hope my notions of professional etiquette will not be put to too severe a strain or may be asked again why I did not go over the heads of responsible officials in other matters. I am sorry I did not see the consulting engineer in San Francisco, but afterwards it would have been an intrusion on my part to have reported to him on work which he had himself inspected.

H. A. ICKE.

King Edward Hotel, December 8, 1909.

RECOUNT OF LOCAL OPTION VOTE ASKED

No Steps Will Be Taken by the Government Till Returns Are All in.

It is reported that C. N. Haines, Vancouver, on behalf of the Local Option League, has applied for a recount of the ballots cast in the recent plebiscite. It is not correct, however, as a morning contemporary states, that a recount has been ordered to take place before Judge Lampman.

As the vote was taken by virtue of an order-in-council it is for the government to say if a recount shall be held and, if so, where and before whom. On inquiry at the provincial secretary's office this morning the Times was informed that the matter had not been taken up yet and would not be till the returns had all been received from the returning officers.

PROMPT PAYMENT.

John Breidford Sends Acknowledgment to Woodmen of America.

The following self-explanatory letter relative to an insurance claim held by young Breidford, who met his death in a blasting accident at Kamloops recently, has been handed to the Times for publication:

G. H. BISSELL,
Clerk Camp No. 13572,
Modern Woodmen of America,
Victoria, B. C.

Dear sir,—I beg to acknowledge receipt of cheque for \$2,000 in payment of my son's insurance policy in your society and take this opportunity of expressing my appreciation of the exceedingly prompt manner in which the claim has been settled. I am very grateful to the members for the expressions of sympathy extended to us during our sad bereavement and can only wish you and your society the well-deserved success that should attend the efforts of an organization whose objects are so praiseworthy and meritorious as the Modern Woodmen of America.

Yours truly,

JOHN BREIDFORD.

THEATRE HAS BEEN SOLD

PURCHASERS ARE UNITED STATES MEN

New Owners Propose to Enlarge Building at Early Date.

The Victoria theatre has been sold, but the identity of the purchasers is not made known. Joseph Boscowitz, the late proprietor, confirms the report of the sale, but says that strangely enough he has not been informed as to the purchasers. They are residents of the United States, of Washington state, but for business reasons their agents in the city were not at liberty to reveal their identity.

Mr. Boscowitz is informed that the theatre is to be continued as such and will at an early date be remodelled and enlarged. The price is not made known, but is said to have been over \$105,000.

The sale of the property, which includes the Imperial hotel, is subject to a lease held by E. R. Ricketts, which does not expire until December 31st of next year. The announced intention of the purchasers is that the theatre shall be materially enlarged and two stories added to the hotel.

The property has a frontage of 120 feet on Douglas street and 100 feet on View street. The location is a good one from a business standpoint.

THROUGH TRAINS TO RUN BY SATURDAY

Resumption of Full Service on the E. & N. Railway.

H. E. Beasley, superintendent of the Esquimalt & Nanaimo railway, said this morning to the Times that it was hoped to have trains running right through to Nanaimo without transfer near Ladysmith by Saturday. Splendid progress is being made in the work of repairing the break in the big trestle bridge at Ladysmith, and it is anticipated that it will be completed to-morrow night.

The company made good arrangements for the handling of freight and passengers in the face of annoying difficulties, and there have been no complaints either on the part of the travelling public or shippers. Passengers who have travelled on the line the past week have suffered but small inconvenience in transferring between trains and freight has been promptly handled on the east coast route and from Vancouver by steamers.

C. P. R. OFFICIAL QUITE OPTIMISTIC

Opening of Alberni Branch Will Have Good Effect on Island.

W. B. McInnis, general traffic manager of the C. P. R., is spending a few days in town, meeting the merchants and getting in touch with the business situation at this point.

Mr. McInnis is in an optimistic mood. He is particularly pleased with the outlook on the prairies and sees a great future before the cities of the coast. Victoria he considers one of the best points on the Pacific. He had heard of it in the East, and was sure there was a great future before it. The opening of the Alberni branch, he felt sure, would have a good effect on the island generally.

MAN FROZEN TO DEATH.

Marion, O., Dec. 8.—Harvey Thrush was found frozen to death in a hut near here to-day. He leaves a widow and five children.

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"I don't think the strike possibly can extend to the roads between this city and Pittsburgh. So far as the roads and centers in Chicago are concerned, but one of them, the Rock Island, would be affected in view of the fact that the Brotherhood has agreements with all the others, and would protect them with a full quota of men in the event of a general strike."

The lecture on the "Birds of Vancouver Island," which is to be given to-night in the Victoria West Methodist church, will commence sharp at 8 o'clock. Over eighty slides have been prepared for projection on the screen. W. M. Ritchie having charge of the lantern.

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The Cunard liner Carmania arrived at New York to-day from Naples with a complement of 1,525 passengers.

Mr. Bolden has been awarded the contract for additions to Waxstock's Broad street hall, consisting of balcony, dining hall, kitchen, dress rooms and special sitting room for spectators. Steam heating, being installed makes this hall undoubtedly the finest, most up-to-date and justly termed most popular hall in the city.

The Ladies' Musical Club will meet at 8 o'clock Saturday afternoon in the hall of the Carnegie library, when C. C. Bethune will give his famous talk, "Musicians I Have Known," and Mr. Gideon Hicks will sing several songs of Mr. Bethune's own composition. Guest tickets may be obtained at the door or from any members of the executive during the week. A large audience is hoped for, and the concert is certain to be a most enjoyable one.

The performance of "Bound by an Oath," at Temple's hall to-night and to-morrow night, by the Victoria West Amateur Dramatic Society, will start at 8 o'clock instead of 8:30. This has been found necessary owing to the length of the play. The music will be furnished by Miss Harris' orchestra, and on Thursday a dance will be given after the show.

The B. C. Electric Railway Company has agreed to pay the cost of erecting temporary poles on the causeway to carry trolley wires. These poles are necessary because it has been found impossible to get the ornamental poles in position as soon as was expected. These latter poles, which are to be very ornamental, have had to be sent east for, and they will not arrive for some weeks.

On Friday evening next a dance will be given by the Esquimalt Athletic Association at the club rooms, Canteen grounds. A committee composed of Messrs. Wilkerson, Stewart and Mesher are making all arrangements for the ball and promise all those who attend a good time. The prizes won at the last progressive whist party will be presented to the winners on the evening of the dance.

The members of St. Andrew's Young People's Society are sparing no pains to make their first concert of the season a huge success. Those having the programme in charge have been very fortunate in securing some of the very best local talent, including Miss McKilligan, Mr. Griffiths, Miss Blakeway, Mr. Melville and several other well known artists. A full programme will be announced in a day or so. The concert will be given on Monday the 13th in the Sunday school, Broughton street.

The oratory contest, which is being conducted under the auspices of the Victoria Oratorical Society, will be held at 8 o'clock in the association rooms, Broad street. This was to have been held on Wednesday evening last, but owing to the fact that one of the judges was not then in the city, it was postponed. There are eight contestants who all gave twenty minute addresses on "The Future of Victoria." Two prizes have been offered, a gold medal by T. Drysdale Veitch as first prize, and a silver medal by R. L. Drury as second. Those who will act as judges will be D. W. Higgins, Capt. D. McIntosh and R. L. Drury. The prizes will be presented by Mr. Veitch at the close. After the contest is completed the mock city council will be formed, the mayor and aldermen to be elected by the choice of those present. It is hoped that a large number of the friends of the association will attend this evening, as an interesting time is in sight.

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Joan Unsworth has applied to the city for employment in connection with forthcoming repairs to the reservoir on Smith's Hill. Mr. Unsworth says he has had 30 years' experience in engineering work and guarantees to fix the reservoir so that it will not leak a drop. He relates that in one enterprise with which he was connected in the Old Country they built a reservoir thirty feet in depth and the bottom rested on a bed of quicksand. No cement was used in this work. He guarantees that by his system the reservoir can be made perfectly watertight at a saving of 50 per cent. over other methods. The letter has been handed to the water commissioner.

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The funeral of the late Miss Annie Louise Slater will take place from the B. C. Funeral Home, Royal-Black parlors to-morrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

An article on "Victoria, From an Industrial Standpoint," written by E. McGaffey, secretary of the Vancouver Island Development League, will appear in the Canadian Industrial Review in its issue of either January or February.

To-night at 8 o'clock a meeting of Victoria's Entertainment Royal-Black Knights, Precinct 535, will be held in the A. O. F. hall, Broad street. As this is the annual meeting the election of officers for the ensuing year will take place. A full attendance of members is requested, as the business is of an important nature.

The funeral of the late John Perrett, who died in this city on Sunday last, will take place to-morrow morning at 8:45 o'clock from the Victoria undertaking parlors, and at 9 o'clock at the Roman Catholic Cathedral. Rev. Father Lamer will celebrate mass.

The death occurred yesterday at St. Mary's hospital, New Westminster, of F. C. Butler, late of Bury Farm, South Saanich, aged 25 years. Deceased was a progressive and energetic young man, and was, until lately, in the insurance and commission business with his partner, Thomas, at Chinatown. He leaves his mother, four brothers and four sisters to mourn his loss.

The Ladies' Society of St. Paul's Lutheran church will give their annual Christmas bazaar in the A. O. U. hall on Thursday afternoon and evening. A pleasing variety of needlework and other articles will be offered for sale. An excellent musical and literary programme has been prepared for the entertainment of the patrons. The ladies will serve refreshments throughout the afternoon and evening.

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New Pianist to Be Introduced to Victoria Public.

Next Wednesday evening a concert will be given in the Institute hall which promises to be one of the musical events of the season. The Victoria Hockey Club, under whose auspices it is given, does not ask the public to attend just on account of the cause, but because it will be of merit sufficient to draw a full house in itself. The best musicians and singers will make their re-appearance on that evening, while it means the debut in Victoria of several others.

Mrs. (Dr.) Gibson, a pianist of great skill and faultless technique, will be introduced to Victorians at this concert, and a rare musical treat is promised. Mr. Harry Davis, another stranger to the general public, will be heard. He is a well known English ballad singer, who has often delighted the music-loving public of England. Benedict Jantty, the well known local violinist, who received his musical education under the best masters of Europe, will also contribute to the programme. A soprano soloist of no mean ability, Mrs. Harry Briggs, has consented to sing, and her song is being looked forward to with great anticipation. Miss Schell and Mrs. Wilson, two sisters whose voices are not heard together often enough to suit Victorians, will sing a duet, and Miss Schell, whose sweet soprano voice always pleases Victorians, will also sing a solo. The hockey boys worked hard to get the best of local talent, and one of the contributors which they did not expect to get, but which they ultimately obtained, was the Arion Club. This famous organization has promised a double quartette from among its singers, and will be heard in two numbers.

Tickets for the concert can be bought at Redfern & Sons or from any of the club members.

FRIENDLY HELP.

Monthly Meeting of Society Makes Arrangements For Christmas Gifts.

At the monthly meeting of the Friendly Help society held yesterday morning arrangements were made for the Christmas work which consists of the receiving and distributing of substantial boxes of Christmas cheer to all known to be in need of such. It is expected by the ladies that the school children will be present with their generous gifts on Saturday the 18th inst. From then until Wednesday evening the rooms at the Market building will be open and ladies will be in attendance to receive and pack the boxes which must all be sent out on Wednesday, the 22nd. The ladies would like to remind all members and friends of the society of the new garments that are needed. During the year only old clothing is given away but at Christmas they strive to give one or two new garments. Visitors are also requested to have full lists of their needy ones in good time.

During November 40 received assistance; some had fuel, groceries and milk, but the largest number had only clothing. Donations were gratefully received from the following: Clothing, Mrs. B. Gonnason, Mr. Leask, Mrs. E. B. McKay and from an anonymous giver, two parcels and one box of hats; cash, from the city, Mrs. W. Grant, Mrs. Devereaux, C. M. McDonald, a friend, Mrs. Cooper, G. J. Bagshaw, Miss Drake and five friends, 20 cents each.

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Now that the weather has moderated, it is possible for the city to proceed with the various works of local improvement which have been delayed owing to the frost. A start was made this morning in having the concrete causeway which has to be paved. The grading down of Humboldt street, which is to be paved with wood blocks from Government street to Douglas, is also to hand.

The regular weekly meeting of the Young People's Society of the First Presbyterian church was held last Monday evening in the schoolroom of the church. An interesting address was given during the evening by Rev. Dr. Whittier, which was much enjoyed. A musical programme was also given, to which the following contributed: Miss Markness, Mr. McLorie, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Redmond, Miss Beasly, R. Morrison and J. G. Brown.

As will be seen by the programme, the concert to be given by the St. Andrew's Young People's Society on Monday next in the Sunday schoolroom promises to be a huge success. The programme includes some of the best local talent, and is as follows: Mr. Plowright's orchestra, selection; Mrs. Longfield, song; Mr. Griffiths, song; Miss Russell, piano solo; Mr. Melville, song; Miss McKilligan, song; Mr. Longfield, violin solo; Miss Blakeway, song; Miss Hewlings, piano solo; Mr. Morris, song; Mr. Plowright's orchestra, selection.

The Victoria Cymrodion Society will hold its regular monthly meeting in the St. William Wallace hall, Broad street, to-night at 8 o'clock. A special attraction is the lecture to be given on Wales by Rev. T. W. Gladstone, illustrated by lantern views. No doubt everyone who attends will have some familiar scenes shown by the lantern. A Welsh choir will provide music. Refreshments will be served and a very interesting and enjoyable evening is anticipated. It is hoped there will be a large attendance. The ladies are asked to provide some cakes or sandwiches. Dr. Leeder, president of the society, will occupy the chair.

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MANY AMATEURS WILL BE CALLED ON CARPET

Professional Timekeeper and Referee Officiated at Bouts.

All contests, and particularly boxing contests in which amateurs are engaged who are affiliated with the B. C. A. U., must be carried out according to the rules of that organization, and these rules are very strict, going so far as to provide that the bouts must be refereed by two point scorers and a ring referee, who gives a decision in the event of the point scorers being unable to agree. These officials must all be strictly amateurs and affiliated with the union. The timekeeper is bound under similar rules, and should any of these be violated the contestants would be professionalized by the union.

These requirements are brought to public notice by the happenings at the Scandia Athletic Club's wrestling and boxing tournament held last week in Vancouver, where, after the bouts had been decided, it was found that Tom Burke, the fighting fireman of Vancouver, who recently turned professional and made a professional appearance in the ring against Joe La Salle, before the night of the amateur bouts, was central referee at the Scandia tournament.

According to the rules of the union the participants in the bouts are now all professionals. The professional title further sticks on them because George Paris, trainer of the B. C. A. U., acted on this occasion as timekeeper.

The Vancouver branch of the B. C. A. U. is to meet this week and consider the status of the men who took part in the Scandia club's tournament. This brings the matter home to Victoria officials of the B. C. A. U., where there have on more than one occasion been officials as timekeeper and referee who are affiliated with the B. C. A. U. and who could not get affiliation because they have received and made money out of the performances.

However absurd these rules may appear they are nevertheless the rules of the union, and are regarded with sufficient seriousness in Vancouver to cause a special meeting of the Vancouver branch being called.

COFFROTH AFTER ENGLISH PUGILISTS

Anxious to Arrange Matches With Number of American Fighters.

(Times Leased Wire.)

New York, Dec. 8.—When flistic promoter James Coffroth arrives in London he will initiate a campaign that has for its object the matching of England's top notchers in at least three divisions with the American champions, according to a report that is going the rounds here to-day.

Owen Moran and Ad. Wolgast, Coffroth believes, would make a wonderfully attractive card for the San Francisco fight, and this will be one of the run down, Freddie Welsh and Battling Nelson for another headliner and Jim Driscoll and Abe Attell for the third complete list the San Francisco has planned.

Moran is reported already to have consented to cross the big pond, and Coffroth contemplates little difficulty in bringing the others to terms.

ATHLETICS.

STANLEY AND BAYLES.

William Stanley, the Dane, who will run the local professional, Frank Bayles, at the Assembly rink to-morrow night, announced this morning that he is prepared to back himself to the extent of three hundred dollars to beat the local miz, and wants all money to cover the amount or any part thereof posted by 5 o'clock to-morrow night.

The race will be for five miles on the indoor track. The two runners have met before, when Bayles beat Stanley at five miles by about one lap on a twelve lap track. Stanley, however, says he is confident he can beat Bayles and has the backing to the amount named.

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SEVENTY GAMES IN INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE

Schedule Opens December 15th With Eight Teams Playing.

The following is the intermediate schedule of the basketball league, opening on Dec. 15th:

Dec. 15th—V. W. A. A. vs. Y. M. C. A., N. W. A. A. vs. J. B. A. A., Y. M. I. vs. Esquimalt, Bankers vs. Cloverdale.
Dec. 17th—Fifth Regiment vs. V. W. A. A.
Jan. 5th—Cloverdale vs. Esquimalt, J. B. A. A. vs. V. W. A. A., Y. M. C. A. vs. N. W. A. A., Y. M. I. vs. Bankers.
Jan. 12th—V. W. A. A. vs. Cloverdale, Esquimalt vs. J. B. A. A., N. W. A. A. vs. Y. M. I., Bankers vs. Y. M. C. A.
Jan. 19th—Fifth Regiment vs. Jan. C. A. vs. J. B. A. A., Y. M. I. vs. V. W. A. A., Bankers vs. Esquimalt.
Jan. 26th—J. B. A. A. vs. Regiment, J. B. A. A. vs. Cloverdale, V. W. A. A. vs. Bankers, Y. M. C. A. vs. Y. M. I.
Jan. 30th—Regiment vs. Y. M. I., Feb. 2nd—Bankers vs. N. W. A. A., Y. M. I. vs. J. B. A. A., Cloverdale vs. Y. M. C. A., Esquimalt vs. V. W. A. A.
Feb. 9th—Cloverdale vs. Regiment, Feb. 16th—N. W. A. A. vs. V. W. A. A., Y. M. C. A. vs. Bankers, Y. M. I. vs. Cloverdale.
Feb. 23rd—Esquimalt vs. Regiment, Feb. 30th—Y. M. C. A. vs. V. W. A. A., J. B. A. A. vs. Esquimalt vs. Y. M. I., Cloverdale vs. Bankers.
March 6th—Regiment vs. Y. M. C. A., March 13th—J. B. A. A. vs. Y. M. C. A., N. W. A. A. vs. Cloverdale, V. W. A. A. vs. Y. M. I., Esquimalt vs. Bankers.
March 20th—North Ward vs. Regiment, March 27th—N. W. A. A. vs. Esquimalt, Cloverdale vs. J. B. A. A., Bankers vs. V. W. A. A., Y. M. I. vs. Y. M. C. A., March 31st—Regiment vs. J. B. A. A., March 31st—N. W. A. A. vs. Bankers, J. B. A. A. vs. Y. M. I., Y. M. C. A. vs. B. A. A. vs. Y. M. I. vs. Esquimalt, March 31st—V. W. A. A. vs. Regiment, March 31st—Y. M. I. vs. Bankers, Esquimalt vs. Y. M. C. A., N. W. A. A. vs. J. B. A. A. vs. Bankers vs. Y. M. I.
April 1st—Regiment vs. Cloverdale, April 8th—Regiment vs. Esquimalt, April 15th—Bankers vs. Regiment, Bankers vs. Wholesalers.

The Bankers and Wholesalers teams will meet at basketball at the rink on Saturday night. The game will commence at 8:30 p. m. C. A. team a practice match to-night with the following team out: Guards, Rome and McKewen; centre, Hopguard; forwards, Newmarch and Holden.

The Tio Tios outmatched the High school girls, who, however, were "heady, active and extremely keen," says the report. The Tio Tios, moreover, succeeded in netting the ball once from the centre of the floor space. That's playing for you. The High school girls got all their goals from free throws, awarded by the referee, Misses Piper and Sampson being the scorers.

A highly descriptive sentence in the account of the game reads: "In a melee in the corner Misses Murray and Priestly came into rather violent contact, ending in the retirement of Miss Murray owing to the shock sustained in being thrown against the side of the arena." Before half time Miss Sampson had been compelled to retire from the friendly game through a broken finger. We never see a game like this in Victoria. The game was apparently interesting all through, and more so the excitement lasted till the final moment when the teams had each scored two goals. The report concludes: "Judging from the sporting spirit, keenness and strenuous vigor in which the game was contested, Nanaimo will be the proud possessor of a ladies' basketball team that will go anywhere and beat anyone."

FAVORS SHORTER BASEBALL SEASON

President of American League Would Prevent Pitchers Wasting Time.

Chicago, Dec. 8.—Dan B. Johnson, president of the American League, declared yesterday that the American League managers would be a unit at the New York meeting next week for a shorter season schedule and shorter games.

"The most important points to be considered," said President Johnson, "will be a shorter schedule and a shorter game. The pitcher should be made to quit killing time. We will try to do away with the practice of letting the pitcher throw four balls to the catcher unless the pitcher has been to bat. As for the schedule, I am in favor of making it as short as possible. Last year when the question came up, seven American League owners were in favor of 140 games, while the eighth wanted 154 games. As a matter of fact, the American League was set for a 140 game schedule, but for harmony's sake and to save muddling up the schedule we compromised on 154 games."

B. C. A. A. U. MEETS ON SATURDAY NIGHT

Delegates to Assemble at Em- press From All Towns.

The B. C. A. A. U. will meet in Victoria on Saturday night next and wrestle with the many problems that are facing it. The meeting has been called by the executive and will be attended by representatives from all the affiliated towns in the province.

The subject for discussion is the action of the soccer players throughout the province in not consenting to join the B. C. A. A. U.

The meeting will be held Saturday night at the Empress hotel, and Dan O'Sullivan, president of the union, will preside.

The meeting is the most important in the history of the B. C. A. A. U., and its resolutions will be awaited by all athletic organizations with great interest.

Two men named Rule and Morrell, backdrivers, were each fined \$10 in the police court this morning for an assault of James Hill, bartender at the Hall saloon, on Friday night last. The men had a dispute with the bartender and a row followed in which blows were struck and a window broken.

Extra to the usual performance the Empress theatre are showing for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Charlotte Corday. Don't miss it.

Turkey and goose shoot at Colwood hotel (Dan Campbell's), Sunday, December 12th, 1909. All live birds, raised on Albert Wales' farm.

MISS MAY SUTTON TO VISIT VICTORIA

Champion Tennis Player Will Be Here Next Sum- mer.

The Victoria Tennis Club, when its new courts are opened next summer, will have as its guest Miss May Sutton, of California; the champion woman tennis player of the world, according to advices brought to Vancouver from the south by Herbert Lockwood. Miss Sutton has announced that she will make the northern trip next summer, and play at Seattle, Victoria, Vancouver, Portland and Tacoma. She has been wanting to take the trip for some years, but has not been able, owing to her engagements in England and Eastern America.

With the presence of the champion here the interest in the Victoria tournament will be doubled, and there is no doubt Miss Sutton will get an elaborate welcome here. The Victoria club will have to work to find a player to put against the champion, who will probably carry off the honors, but should nevertheless have the best player that can be secured to play against her.

TESLA'S NEW WIRELESS USES EARTH, NOT AIR

Inventor Claims That He Has Made Another Great Discovery.

Nikola Tesla started the world some years ago by declaring that an invention which was germinating in his brain would, when matured, make naval warfare impossible. By means of some contrivance the pressure of a button would launch a titanic electrical discharge by which one man on shore could instantly annihilate the greatest Dreadnought that ever sailed the seas.

Since that time the inventor has been following up a somewhat similar train of thought, but with a more practical object in view. The electric waves are to convey messages, not thunderbolts. Mr. Tesla's discovery is a new mode of "wireless," which, if his assertions are borne out, will make communication to every corner of the globe mere child's play.

In place of the air, the earth itself will be used as a conductor for the medium which carries the messages. It makes the globe behave like a great wire, and that without causing the least disturbance to man or his works. Distance is no obstacle—no width, all wireless; any number of receiving stations may be used, and messages to all parts of the world will become absurdly cheap. Not only this, but the inventor states that any man in any part of the world will be able by placing to his ear a two dollar receiver, to hear the opera in Paris, Melbourne, Vienna or New York.

Mr. Tesla says: "The principles involved in this system of transmission are the direct opposite of the Hertz wave wireless transmission. In the latter, the transmission is effected by rays akin to light which pass through the air and cannot be transmitted through the ground. In the former the Hertz waves are practically suppressed and the entire energy of the current is transmitted through the ground, exactly as through a big wire. In my experiments in Colorado it was shown that a very powerful current developed by the transmitter traversed the entire globe and returned to its origin in an interval of eighty-four one-thousandths of a second, this journey of 24,000 miles being effected almost without any loss of energy."

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In regard to directing the current to any particular place, Mr. Tesla gave a very simple illustration. "Imagine the earth to be a large bag of rubber filled with incompressible fluid, as water, and that by means of a piston forced in at a certain point, the fluid is forced in and out of the rubber bag. The result will be rhythmic vibrations of the whole bag. It is evident that if another piston be placed anywhere, these pulsations will be transmitted to that."

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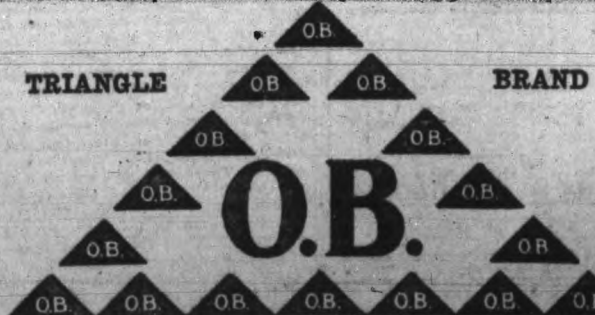
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ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR PRESENTED

Association Protested Against G. T. P. Building Out Into Fairway.

The third annual general meeting of the Inner Harbor Association is being held this afternoon in the committee room of the city hall for the purpose of receiving the report of the board of management, of electing officers for the ensuing year, and considering any matters affecting the general improvement of the harbor or the promotion of trades and industries at this port. The following is the report which is being presented by the secretary and which has been printed for distribution:

1. Your board of management begs to report for the information of the members of this association that the work on the lines of the plans submitted by us, and adopted by the Federal government has been steadily proceeded with during the past year.

2. The rocks, that heretofore were a nuisance to navigation between Laurel point and the C. P. R. wharf, have been removed to a depth of fifteen feet, the bottom generally dredged clear to a depth of 18 to 20 feet at low water, and a portion of the rocks east of the Songhees point have been removed to a like depth.

3. The new dredge Ajax is making excellent progress deepening the entrance to the harbor off Shoal point to 20 feet at low water. This steamboat channel is carried through the "bar" out to deep water, and is now about 400 feet wide clear of rocks off Shoal point.

4. The dredge Mudlark is steadily proceeding with the excavation of the upper harbor or basin; the reach north of Spratt's wharf (about 500 feet) has far out as just west of Turley's ways is now about 20 feet deep at low water and a berth 250 feet wide opposite Sayward's mill is dredged to 25 feet deep. The total amount dredged to date is about 150,000 cubic yards.

5. A further sum of \$65,000 is placed in the estimates for the next financial year for the prosecution of the work to the limit of the existing plan. We have impressed upon the minister of public works the urgent necessity for a more efficient drilling plant by which the removal of the rocks could be done more expeditiously and at the same time much more economically.

6. Your board made representations to the Hon. Mr. Thompson calling attention to the necessity of amending the rules and regulations for the management of the harbor of Victoria, and he referred the matter to a committee composed of (the late) Capt. Cox, (Chairman), Capt. Troup and the harbor master, Capt. E. Clarke. This committee carefully revised and extended the provisions of the Canada Shipping Act (R. S. of C. Chap. 113) and reported the matter with a view to obtaining special rules and regulations for the government of the harbor of Victoria.

7. The question of the desirability of establishing a coal bunkers by the E. & N. railway over the waters of the harbor was referred to this association, who reported to the mayor and council that they strongly approved the proposal to erect bunkers for the coaling of steamers frequenting the port, provided that they were kept shoreward of a line drawn from Songhees point to Pelly Island and out of the fairway of passing vessels.

8. Every endeavor having been made to obtain some satisfactory arrangement with the E. & N. railway for the crossing of the water of the harbor, without any result, it was decided to appeal to the railway commission, consisting of Capt. Grant, J. Barnsley, J. Sayward, J. K. Rebbeck, E. McGregor and T. C. Sorby waited upon the mayor and council, calling attention to the obstruction of free navigation caused by the present method employed in opening and closing the swing bridge, and suggested that the council should, in consideration of the commercial importance of the matter, bring this grievance before the board of railway commissioners at their next sitting in this province.

The facts of the case were carefully prepared by the secretary, in conjunction with the solicitor to the corporation, the requisite affidavits obtained and the matter brought before the railway commission on the 29th of October, when the statement was made by the C. P. R. solicitor that they admitted the necessity of a new bridge, and that it was proposed to take down the present bridge for re-erection on the Alhambra branch. The chairman of the board remarked that "no doubt the company would improve now that the attention of the commission had been called to the matter. If it was found that things did not improve, the commission would send an official here to watch and report."

9. Mr. Sorby having prepared a map showing an alternative method of dealing with the approach to the inner harbor, providing a passage for outgoing steamers to the north and west of Pelly Island; this map was laid before a special meeting of the association and it was decided to adopt the amendment as the policy of the association.

The matter was laid before the Hon. Dr. Pugsley, minister of public works, on the occasion of his visit of inspection of the harbor, on the 26th of July, and he promised that the matter should be examined into and reported on by the departmental engineers.

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"That this association protests against the construction of any wharves that would interfere with the free navigation of the waters of the harbor."

"That this association submits, for the consideration of the hon. the minister of public works, that the existing line of wharves from the railway bridge to the Dominion government wharf, should be continued southwards until intersected by a line drawn in continuation westerly of the Alaska S. S. wharf, and further, that no projection be allowed beyond these lines."

11. It was part of the original scheme for the general improvement of the harbor to utilize a portion of the waste excavated material from the upper harbor in filling in the head of the creek running eastwards from the Selkirk water. This is a piece of shallow water, the foul muddy bottom of which is exposed, except at high water. It has, therefore, been suggested to the municipal council that they should seek permission from the government to reclaim all that portion of the creek lying eastward of the line of Bridge street. This would change a common nuisance into a valuable building site, about one acre in extent, to the general benefit of the city and this portion of the harbor.

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14. Arrangements have been completed whereby freight may be brought via the Tahquamenon railway to Salina Cruz, direct from New York, and European ports, to British Columbia, and the rapid growth of trade across the Isthmus has already rendered it necessary to double track the railroad.

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WIFE HAD NO RIGHT TO PLEDGE MAN'S CREDIT

Ordered Goods Charged to Husband, But Has to Pay for Them.

Messrs. John Barker & Co. sued Mrs. Emily Kirby, of Walpole House, Kemp Town, Brighton, for £16 15s 5d, the value of goods supplied.

Mrs. Kirby said Mrs. Kirby had settled accounts on various occasions with her own cheques, and they had no knowledge until recently of the existence of the lady's husband; but the defence now set up appeared to be that the husband was responsible for the debt on the ground that the goods supplied were for his children.

Mr. Charles Harold Kirby, husband of the defendant, said he had been separated from his wife since May 1st. He had allowed her £600 a year, out of which rent, rates, taxes and the education of the children had to be paid.

Mr. Paxon—What did you allow your wife for necessaries?

The witness—Thirty pounds a month, which was to cover food, domestic servants' wages; in fact, the necessities of life.

What do you allow your wife now? Five hundred pounds a year.

Mrs. Kirby, the defendant, said they were married in 1890 before the British consul in Egypt. The house they had lived in contained twenty rooms, and they had kept two servants, with a char woman daily, and at the time her husband was ill had three nurses.

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MOTORING DISTANCES.

The following shows the distances from Victoria to different points on Vancouver Island:

Point	Miles
Alberni	218
Colwood	5
Cowichan	26
Comox	62
Duncan	40
Goldstream	21
Ladysmith	50
Nanaimo	73
Shawnigan	87

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY CONVENES

Annual Gathering of Methodist District Organization Held in This City.

The sixth annual convention of the Victoria District Methodist church was held in the Metropolitan Methodist church yesterday afternoon, commencing at 2 o'clock, the session lasting until nearly 6 o'clock. A large number of delegates were in attendance.

The devotional exercises were led by Mrs. (Rev.) A. N. Miller, of James Bay, and were very helpful and inspiring. At 2:30 Mrs. Adams, district organizer, took the chair and the business of the convention began. The address of welcome was given by Mrs. (Rev.) T. E. Holling, replied to by Mrs. Parsons, of Centennial church.

The district organizer gave her report which was in all respects encouraging. It showed that in the district were seven auxiliaries, an increase of two over last year, with 241 annual members and 17 life members. There are six mission bands, an increase of one, with 207 members, and two mission circles with 32 members.

The reports of the auxiliaries, circles and bands on the district were both interesting and encouraging. It was a matter of special interest that a Japanese and a Chinese auxiliary have been organized in this city, with 30 members each. These are the first and only Oriental auxiliaries in Canada.

The Chinese Mission Band pleased the audience as usual with an appropriate song, entitled "Give."

Mrs. Staneland sang, "One Sweetly Solenn Thought," with touching sweetness.

Miss Copeland dealt very ably with the subject of "Christian Stewardship."

This was followed by a lively discussion.

Mrs. Smyler reported on the work of the "Oriental Home and School," showing how the work is being gradually built up. The need for educational work is becoming more urgent and its beneficial results more apparent.

An appeal for help in missionary work among the Chinese in this city was made by Miss Smith, who showed that the number of workers in the Sunday school and the night school was inadequate to the needs of the work.

A most comprehensive report of the last annual meeting of the board of managers was prepared by Mrs. Betts, president of the British Columbia branch. This was very instructive and was enjoyed by all.

An interesting item followed this in the form of a model mission band meeting, conducted by Mrs. Braze.

Forty or fifty children from the various mission bands of the district took part in the exercises, all acquiring themselves admirably.

Mrs. (Rev.) Devy conducted the question drawer in a very instructive manner. Several important questions were discussed, many taking part.

Rev. T. E. Holling closed the session with prayer, after which refreshments were served in the schoolroom of the church.

RACECOURSE RIOT.

Judges Compelled to Run for Their Lives at Vienna.

The famous trotting course on the Prater, Vienna, was the scene of a riot recently.

The trouble began in a false start, owing to which the first three horses to reach the winning post in one of the events were disqualified, and the fourth arrival was declared to be the winner. He was a rank outsider, and to his fortunate backers the "totalisator" paid odds of 60 to 1.

This decision, however, did not find favor with the public, who promptly began to create a disturbance. Stands were reduced to matchwood, and stones, beer glasses and other missiles were hurled at the heads of the judges. With cries of "Lynch them!" the infuriated mob made for these luckless individuals, and they fled for their lives.

The police drew their swords, and after a brief struggle the disturbance was brought under control. The rioters were arrested. The remainder ruefully dispersed, some counting their losses, others their bruises, and on the scene of the riot lay a heterogeneous collection of hats, sticks, matchwood, and broken glass.

The remainder of the programme was not carried out.

Mrs. Briggs—Does your husband take any special exercise?

Mrs. Griggs—Yes; he's all the time kicking—Boston Transcript.

"See how's th' thermometer, Denny."

"It's stopped. Sure 'tis th' same as 'twas wan hour ago."—Judge.

LOOKS LIKE CLUE TO DEATH OF ANDRE

Strange Story Told by Esquimaux in Far North to Oblate Priest.

Ottawa, Dec. 7.—A very interesting story connected with long-lost Andre, the explorer who 12 years ago left Spitzbergen in a balloon in search of the north pole and never returned, has been told in an interview by Bishop Albert Pascal, of Prince Albert, who has been the guest of the Oblate Fathers in Ottawa, and has now left for his diocese. Bishop Pascal has charge of an immense territory, extending even as far north as the pole.

His story had to do with the country in the eastern portion of his diocese, between Saskatchewan and Hudson Bay. There is a young priest, Father Turquotille, a member of the Oblate order, who resides at Reindeer Lake, and who has traveled extensively among the Esquimaux in the northern part of the region in order to learn the language. On one occasion he went with a nomadic party about six days' journey to the northeast of Reindeer Lake, and there met another party of Esquimaux.

Noticing a revolver which the priest carried, the Esquimaux told him that some years before a "white house" had descended from the sky, and contained white men, who had killed many caribou to supply themselves with food. They intimated that the white men were in a half-starved condition. None of the men was now living, they stated but the "white house" was still in existence, and was used by members of the tribe as a sort of supply house and for the rope with which it was covered.

It is thought that this may explain the disappearance of Andre and his companions, as Andre may have landed at the place indicated and perished. Father Turquotille, said Bishop Pascal, will make another journey north and endeavor to get at all the facts in connection with the story.

HOTEL ARRIVALS

DOMINION.
J. B. Schowmann, Portland; A. L. Parkin, Prince Rupert; J. Goldblom, Winnipeg; H. Williams, Vancouver; Mrs. Thos. Jones, C. T. Woodard, Mrs. Bright, Seattle; J. H. Downey, Banish; W. D. Sargent, Toronto; R. Granie and wife, G. Peckorer and wife, C. F. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Dwyer, J. Goldblom, Uman; E. H. Pierce, Prince Rupert; A. G. Chasterton, Vancouver; J. Cran and wife, Misses Crane, New Westminster; Dr. Imman, E. Mawhinney, T. M. Heard, T. K. Jones and wife, L. J. Bruce, Vancouver; Samuel P. Mortimer, Dawson; H. H. Shewan, Seattle; A. E. Hawley, Seattle; W. R. Gilley, New Westminster; C. G. Allan, Ladysmith; Theo. Margeson, Seattle; Tom Wilkeson, Tacoma.

EMPRESS.
W. Julious, J. S. Townsend, Toronto; R. A. Oswald, E. H. Heaps, C. S. Battle, F. W. Law, J. O. Hearn, W. H. Armstrong, F. G. Faulkner, H. C. James, G. H. Knowlton, J. M. MacMillan, J. Simpson, W. C. Bowles, A. H. Reed and wife, H. M. Rose, H. B. Robinson, R. R. Worth, A. J. Hughes, Vancouver; A. Charleson, New Westminster; M. F. Burnyeat, Vernon; N. C. Olson, Prince Rupert; P. H. Ritchie, Toronto; G. Hiam, Montreal; B. C. Ansley, Toronto; J. Y. Doonan and wife, Swift Current; W. B. Larrigan, Winnipeg; J. H. Duggan, Toronto; E. C. Gibbons, Prince Rupert; J. S. Taylor, Winnipeg; W. H. Cushing, Calgary; J. A. Macdonald, Roseland.

DRAKE.
Jas. Beveridge, W. E. Hergen, W. W. Montellus, Vancouver; R. R. Jeffrey, Cowichan; H. Hardy, New York; J. H. Simpson, Nanaimo; W. Birch, O. E. Harman, J. Wendt, Ira Simpson, Vancouver; F. C. Corry, Cranbrook; F. E. Best, Vancouver; J. A. Harding, Calgary; C. J. Kay, Vancouver; Miss May Grimmel, Seattle; H. J. Edmonds and wife, Sidney Island; E. Horsfall, Chas. H. Wilson, Vancouver; H. B. Smith, Roseland; G. E. Frith, Vancouver.

KING EDWARD.
L. Hebert, Seattle; Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Maurice, Miss Feanrick, Shawitcan Lake; J. A. Christie, Vancouver; A. E. Collyer, Mrs. M. Horne, Chemainus; C. Jervin Wally, Cowichan Bay; L. Gordon, Chetopa; T. E. O'Neil, N. H. Tackett, Cowichan; N. H. Kuhn, Mrs. A. Koenig, Shawitcan Lake; Wm. McFarlane, Vancouver; Charles S. Hiron, N. Saulton; R. A. Parker, Vancouver; J. A. Kirkpatrick, Prince Rupert; Mrs. H. Wilson, Mrs. F. T. Wilson, A. MacVicar, Vancouver; Wm. Hubert, Silverton; H. Webber, S. L. Gray, A. J. Hughes, Vancouver; Geo. E. Hayes, Jos. Tromen, Seward; D. Williams, R. Clark, H. P. Gibson, G. M. Clayton, E. Hunt, Geo. F. Paul, Thomas Abba, W. A. McPhalen, S. Bissett, R. M. Juyson, J. Clarke, S. J. Bruce, Vancouver; Kenneth Duncan, Duncan.

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able Evening.

If the enthusiasm and superb organization of the Liberals of Esquimalt could have been diffused through the party in other constituencies there would have been a different tale to tell on the evening of November 25th. That enthusiasm has not diminished in the slightest now that the fight is over. If anything, the Esquimalt Liberals are all the more determined to maintain their position and be prepared for future elections, no matter when they may come.

There could be no doubt of the strength and popularity of the member-elect, John Jardine, in the mind of anyone who looked in on the smoker which took place in the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home last evening in honor of his signal victory. The hall was crowded and a general good time was enjoyed by all. There was any amount of music and a few short speeches.

A. W. McCurdy presided and on the platform were John Jardine, M. L. A.; H. C. Brewster, M. L. A.; the Liberal M. B. Jackson and J. C. McIntosh. Throughout the speeches there was an insistence on the need for organization and the lesson to be learned from Mr. McIntosh's successful work in Esquimalt was pointed out. Mr. Jardine contented himself with a reference to the sterling work done on behalf of Liberalism by the workers of Esquimalt and introduced his colleague, Mr. Brewster.

Mr. Brewster told some of the incidents of the campaign in Alberni. The premier had gone up to Alberni city, with the result that the former Conservative majority had been turned into a very substantial Liberal majority. The Quatsino school teacher, paid by the people to educate their children, was taken away from his duties, the school closed up, and he sent to Cape Scott. The result there was that where it had never before given a Liberal majority this time the poll showed a majority of one over Morgan. All through the riding the government had the same thorough organization as throughout the province. Game wardens were vote wardens, provincial police were busy conducting the Conservative candidate about and introducing him to people he did not know, as had been done also in Esquimalt, and every road boss was out working. Mr. Brewster paid a compliment to the foundations of organization laid a few years ago by J. C. McIntosh.

Speaking of the work of the Liberal opposition in the House, Mr. Brewster recalled the vigilance of Esquimalt's member in all matters affecting labor. He regretted the disappearance from the arena for the time of John Oliver, C. W. Munro and other sturdy Liberal representatives. Of the future he said: "While a government so strongly entrenched as the present may not brook much criticism and can practically jam through legislation in unconsidered shape, we will at least put them on record. Jardine, of Esquimalt, and Brewster, of Alberni, may be trusted to do their duty so far as the circumstances permit."

Mr. Jackson delivered a rousing speech, with many touches of humor and apt anecdote, and his patriotic references to national defence were received with rounds of applause.

Mr. McIntosh had to respond to calls for a speech, and took occasion to speak of the very loyal manner in which the Liberal electors of Esquimalt had stood by their leaders.

The musical part of the programme was lengthy and decidedly enjoyable. It was ushered in by a bag-pipe selection by Piper-Major Husband, humorously entitled "Helmsken's Lament." If the Conservative candidate feels as blue as the dirge sounded he must feel very blue. The latter part of the measure turned to a gayer strain, typifying the victory of the Liberals in Esquimalt. Songs, all of which were encored, were rendered by Ambrose Wright, William Sharrett, A. W. Mesher, Stephen Butten and Charles Jasper. The comic songs by J. Melville were very popular, and he had to respond to several recalls. G. S. Stritar gave two recitations in character, one in habitant dialect, recalling the great Liberal victory of 1896, and the other an Irish sketch. W. B. Drainer, of the Esquimalt, recited a couple of stirring tales of the sea in an excellent manner. The army was represented by the popular Corporal Cooney, whose recitation of "The Armored Train" and the fight at Chievely brought down the house. A laughable dialogue in Chinese dialect was given by Thomas Young (Ah Lung Punk) and George Jacques (Gee Wing Jack). They had the better of the recitations of a couple of excited Celestials down to perfection.

One of the hits of the evening was the original song, written for the occasion by S. J. Doble and sung by himself. It ran as follows:

There's a man from Scotland born
Who surely by himself has sworn,
He made poor Harry look forlorn;
Did Honest John Jardine.

"Trust a man who keeps his word:
Empty boasts are quite absurd,
'You cannot trap the Liberal bird,'
Says cautious John Jardine.

Chorus:
Johnny is a grand old man,
Sure and certain wears the tartan,
Faithful to the Liberals clan;
John Jardine.

Harry says with might and main,
'McIntosh will surely bring the train.'
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He's cast out of a larger mould,
Is honest John Jardine.

Electors all, both small and great,
The Liberals, they take the cake,
And 'Esquimalt it is going great,
Three cheers for John Jardine.

Coffee and sandwiches were served during the evening. A most successful smoker was brought to a close with the National Anthem and three hearty cheers for the King.

WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 8.—5 a. m.—The pressure is decreasing on the Coast in advance of a fresh ocean disturbance. Snow has fallen at Kamloops and light rain in these districts. In the Pacific states rain is falling on the Coast and snow has fallen on the higher plateau lands in Eastern Oregon and Washington. East of the Rockies a vast area of high pressure extends from the Yukon southeastward through the Canadian provinces and the Middle West states to the Mississippi valley. A cold wave prevails throughout the provinces and adjacent states, and light snowfall has occurred at various points.

Forecasts.

For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Thursday. Victoria and vicinity—Increasing easterly winds, unsettled, with sleet or rain. Lower Mainland—Easterly winds, unsettled, with sleet or rain.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 29.22; temperature, 38; minimum, 35; wind, 4 miles N.; rain, .01; weather, cloudy.
New Westminster—Barometer, 29.90; temperature, 34; minimum, 32; wind, 4 miles E.; rain, .02; weather, cloudy.
Kamloops—Barometer, 30.00; temperature, 18; minimum, 10; wind, calm; snow, .02; weather, cloudy.
Barkerville—Barometer, 29.84; temperature, 4; minimum, 4; wind, calm; weather, clear.
San Francisco—Barometer, 29.92; temperature, 52; minimum, 50; wind, 4 miles S.; rain, .01; weather, cloudy.
Edmonton—Barometer, 29.38; temperature, 8 below; minimum, 15 below; wind, 6 miles E.; snow, trace; weather, snowing.
Winnipeg—Barometer, 29.34; temperature, 10 below; minimum, 10 below; wind, 15 miles N. W.; snow, .35; weather, clear.

TWO MEN KILLED.

One of the men of the Esquimalt and another is run down by engine.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 8.—Two horrible accidents are reported from Sydney. James Costello, an employee of the Dominion Steel Company, met a tragic death. His duty was to superintend the dumping of the charge of ore, coke and limestone into the hopper of the furnace. The charge became stopped, and he had to climb up a perpendicular wall to the top of the furnace. At the extreme top Costello inhaled the fumes and fell over into the hopper below to death.
In the second accident, Sylvanus Broughton, of England, while on his way to work, was struck by the big locomotive of the coal company's outgoing train. He was instantly killed.

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CHINAMAN MURDERED.

Shot in Back by Unknown Man—Jealousy Probably the Motive.

Oakland, Cal., Dec. 8.—While it is believed by the police, who are to-day investigating the death of Wong Sin, the Chinese lottery agent, who was murdered last night, that the shooting was the result of jealousy on the part of some other Chinese, they are watching for any development as a result of the war which may develop as a result.

The dead man is a member of the Skey On Tong. He was visiting Eay Ming, a Chinese woman, when he was shot. The two had just finished supper and Wong Sin stepped to the back porch to get some water when he was shot twice in the back by an unknown person, who, in making his escape, dropped the revolver with which the murder was committed.

The Skey On Tong is not a party to the present conflict between the Chinese residents of San Francisco and Oakland, although if the identity of the murderer is discovered it may involve them in the fight.

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The abilities of Fritz Kreisler cover the entire field of violin expression more comprehensively than those of any other violinist since the palmy days of the great Joachim, and as Joachim was never prevailed upon to cross the Atlantic, it is safe to say that Americans have never had a chance to listen to the magic strains of a more perfect representative of all that is purest and most attractive in violin literature than the magnificent Austrian. His conception and execution of such works as the concertos of Brahms, Beethoven, Tchaikovsky, Spohr and Viotti have a unique charm and radiance. The immortal works of Saint-Saens, Bach and Mozart stand out translucent and inspiring in the light of his intelligence and soulful understanding of the meaning and aims of the God-endowed composers. But Kreisler is also remarkable for his resuscitation and reanimating rejuvenation of the quaint and beautiful works of the earliest writers for the violin. In medieval monasteries and dingy libraries Kreisler has found and raked the dust from the works of Corelli, Tartini, Locatelli, Pugnana and Veracini, and by the addition of his own cadenzas and careful re-writing of the whole score he has produced dozens of forgotten uncut gems and burnished them into sparkle and lustre. Kreisler's sympathetic reproduction of his finds has a prominent place in his recitals and never fails to impress his hearers deeply.

All that is best in the style of every school of the violin are fused in the style of Kreisler, so that it would be impossible to assert that he belongs to any one of the recognized categories. Many of his admirers assert that Kreisler is the legitimate successor of Joachim. His technique is only surpassed by that of the fanciful Paganini. Notwithstanding the pitch to which Kreisler has risen, those who have studied him most closely say that his development is still going on and that even now and every succeeding season shows increasing complicated ramifications of his outpourings.

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A Towel Rail.—In the kitchen is an essential. Buy a twopenny bamboo rod and two long brass cup hooks to hold it. This will hold your towels, so that they dry well and be far more tidy than a piece of string.

Black Kid Gloves.—After buying black kid gloves put them on, and rub a suspicion of vaseline into the kid till all trace of grease has disappeared. This will make them wear much longer than usual.

Cleaning Silver.—No, do not use methylated spirits always. Moisten the plate-powder with water, and use spirits only for stains. The polish lasts better if water is used.

For Tired Feet.—Try a warm foot bath with an ounce of sea salt in it. Paddle in it until it cools, dry the feet, put on clean stockings and you will feel rested.

To Clean Japanned Trays.—First wash with a little warm water to remove all dirt. Then sprinkle dry flour over, and polish with soft dusters. This treatment will not injure them at all.

Keep Blankets Fluffy.—After carefully washing and rinsing hang out blankets, and when nearly dry, beat them thoroughly with a bamboo or rattan furniture beater, and they will be as soft and fluffy as when new.

THE CHRISTMAS STOCKING.

Last night I stayed awake to see what Santa Claus would bring, I heard a noise above me, and the merry sleigh-bells ring.

Perhaps it was a reindeer's hoof That made the snow fall from the roof.

And then I heard a gentle step, I thought that it was he, The door was softly opened, and my If I were sound asleep in bed—

Or Santa wouldn't come, she said, I tried to look as if I slept, and shut my eyes up tight, And when I opened them once more, the sun was shining bright.

He hadn't made a bit of noise, But filled the stocking full of toys.

It bulges here, it sticks out there, and here's a ball, I know, On top there is a teddy bear. What can be in the toe? I think it has the nicest feel, The whole way down from top to heel.

I'm glad it's mother's stocking, for my socks are very small, I wonder how he knew that I was not so big and tall, For everything he brought, I see, Look just as if he thought of me.

—Estelle M. Kerr, in the December Canadian Magazine.

Social and Personal

Miss Pooley is on a visit to Seattle.

J. B. Bell left yesterday for Pithou Rupert.

M. Allen left last night on a visit to England.

Mrs. J. J. Kelly is visiting friends in Vancouver.

J. J. Sparrow left last night for the mainland.

R. W. Ray crossed over to Vancouver last night.

Miss Bishop is spending several days in Vancouver.

R. W. Coleman left last night on a business trip to Seattle.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest were passengers for Seattle last night.

Mrs. Skinner was among the passengers for Seattle last night.

G. F. Weir sailed for the mainland last night on the Princess Charlotte.

A. Gillespie went over to Vancouver last night on the Princess Charlotte.

H. P. Wilson and R. C. Boyle were passengers for Vancouver last night.

A. Parkin left yesterday afternoon on the Princess Beatrice for Prince Rupert.

N. Humphreys, of Vancouver, was among yesterday's passengers for that city.

Mrs. J. S. Booker leaves to-day on the Northern Pacific on a trip to California.

Miss Trill is visiting friends in Vancouver, leaving last night on the Princess Charlotte.

W. Young was among the passengers for Prince Rupert yesterday on the Princess Beatrice.

E. J. Mazur, of Rheims, France, a prominent member of the wine firm of G. H. Mumm & Co. is in the city.

E. E. Welch of Vancouver, who has been spending several days in this city, left yesterday for the Terminal city.

Ray Wood and H. Wood left last night via the Northern Pacific and Cunard liner Campania for Liverpool.

Miss Johnson, of Vancouver, who has been spending some time in this city, left last night for her home in the Terminal city.

Col. Eagleston and his son, of Washington, D. C., who has been looking into mining properties in Lillooet, is leaving for his home.

John Crean, proprietor of the Hotel Guichon at New Westminster, with his family are guests of Stephen Jones, at the Dominion. They are on their way to California.

The Cumberland News has the following announcement which will be of interest to Victorians in view of the fact that the bride, Miss Wier, at one time lived in this city: "A quiet wedding event took place at the residence of the bride's parents, Derwent avenue, on the 27th instant, when the Rev. D. McMillan united in the holy bonds of matrimony Miss Elsie, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Wier, and Mr. Walter Roy Theal, formerly of the Cumberland branch of the Royal Bank of Canada, second son of Captain Winfield Theal and Mrs. Theal, of John, N. B. The bride was becomingly attired in a princess gown of cream cloth and the going-away costume was of self-striped reseda cloth with hat and furs to match. Most hearty congratulations and good wishes follow Mr. and Mrs. Theal to their home in Vancouver, where in future they will reside."

NEW GRAND THEATRE.

A change has been made in the New Grand bill and in place of one turn shown Monday, the Margisons appeared in a clever comedy sketch which called for much applause and greatly pleased the audience.

The headline of this week's bill is Arthur Hill and Sylvia Sylvian, clever performers on the unicycle, whose work is the signal for continued bursts of applause all through their act. Hill rides single wheel down a flight of steps and wheels onto the stage in front of the footlights, where he allows the woman to drop from his shoulders. The act is one requiring great presence of mind and much muscular strength as well as remarkable balancing power. They are called the world's most wonderful performers on the unicycle and the title fits them.

It is not often that so complete an act is shown and the pair deserve all the applause they get.

Mont Peters performs on a loose wire and while balanced sheds a complete suit of clothes, appearing in the last part of the performance in tights. His work is clever and well done. O. L. Fultz, a cornet player, is heard to advantage in a couple of good cornet selections, and some jokes, and Thomas J. Price sings with illustrated slides "I'd Live or I Would Die For You."

The moving pictures this week are very amusing and finish off an interesting bill with a good laugh.

PANTAGES THEATRE.

The management of the Pantages theatre is presenting as their feature act Sytz and Sytz, who were sent here in place of Mastell's Marionettes. This team do a variety of interesting acts, consisting of singing, dancing and barrel jumping, that must be seen to be appreciated.

Another good act is Nip and Tuck, who intersperse comedy with some really good acrobatic tumbling. Josephine Regal, instrumentalist, would please the most fastidious.

A very good Irish comedian, M. J. Hooley, Elwell and the biograph close the bill.



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To take milk or cream spot—put on a lather of white soap in cold water. Wash the material out in cold water and rinse thoroughly.

Wash material stained with perspiration should be subjected to a very strong soap solution and allowed to lie in the sunshine. It is sometimes necessary to use diluted muriatic acid. Stretch the stained part of the garment over a bowl of boiling water and with a small brush apply one per cent. liquid solution of the acid to the wet stain. Occasionally dip the stuff into the water and then use the acid again. When the stain has disappeared rinse the material in clear water, tepid or cold, into which a few drops of ammonia, just enough to give a slight odor to the water, have been poured.

Fruit stains on table linens and garments may be softened with alcohol. Put the alcohol into a small bottle and immerse into hot water. After applying the alcohol pour on boiling hot water. It is sometimes necessary to use diluted muriatic or oxalic acid. The oxalic acid can be used in the same way as the muriatic acid, only it comes in crystals instead of as a liquid.

Blood stains can be removed by washing in cold or tepid water, allowing the material to soak for some time. When the stains become brown, rub with soap and warm water. If the stain be very old use javelle water, which is made of one-half pound of sal-soda, one-eighth pound of chloride of lime and one quart of cold water. Mix thoroughly and let stand for several hours. Then pour off the clear liquid for use. After using javelle water always rinse the article in ammonia water. The javelle water should be applied to the stretched article and quickly rubbed into it and as quickly rinsed out.

To get tea stains out of tablecloth, wash the cloth in cold water first, and then pour boiling water over it. For an old stain soak in glycerine. For green vegetable stains or grass, use alcohol. Alcohol is also recommended for medicine stains. —New York World.

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At the instance of the Vancouver Island Board of Fire Underwriters, the fire department yesterday afternoon was given a couple of test runs which demonstrated the high efficiency of the brigade to respond to alarms promptly. H. Wagner, the expert inspector of the Pacific Coast Fire Underwriters' Association of Portland, who is here testing pumping machinery for the salt water high pressure system, was present at the test and expressed himself as well pleased. He said afterwards: "Your city has a fire department now of which it may well feel proud and the quality and condition of the apparatus and the personnel of the department ranks well with those of many cities of the states several times the population of Victoria."

Two alarms were sent in yesterday's tests—the first from the corner of Menzies and Michigan streets and the second from the corner of Store and Discovery streets and remarkably fast runs were made. G. V. Lawry, secretary of the Vancouver Island Board of Fire Underwriters said the test runs were eminently satisfactory.

Yesterday morning Mr. Wagner inspected the high pressure salt water plant. The steam pump with which trouble had developed owing to over-heated bearings is now in first class order and the electric pump is also working well. Mr. Hutcheson, city electrician, in whose charge are the pumps, expects to have the machinery ready for a full test of the system shortly.

What Other People Think

THANKS THE ELECTORS OF VICTORIA.

To the Editor: I desire to thank the electors of the city of Victoria for the splendid support so freely extended to myself and the other Liberal candidates during the late election. I am, gratefully yours,

JOHN OLIVER,
Bayside Farm, Delta, Dec. 1, 1909.

SHALL WE HAVE A BOARD OF CONTROL?

To the Editor: In considering this question it must be kept in mind that in our modern systems of government, whether municipal or parliamentary, there are three important links—three distinct branches of government, namely, legislative, administrative, and judicial.

The functions of a municipal council should be essentially legislative. The weakness of our present system is that the council as now constituted has imposed upon it the double duty of discharging the legislative and administrative functions of municipal government. That it is a failure everybody recognizes, and many people do not hesitate to say that the remedy is to let the council confine itself strictly to its legislative functions, leaving the departmental officials to do the rest. That is to say, let the council pass all by-laws, vote the money appropriations for the different branches of the public service, and then leave it entirely in the hands of our permanent departmental officials to carry on the affairs of the city and expend the money placed at their disposal by the ratepayers and the council. In other words, it is proposed to transfer the administrative function of municipal government from the council to the departmental officials. I submit this would prove a huge blunder. We are accustomed to hear a great deal of abuse heaped upon the heads of our elected councils from year to year, but it is a question whether this city has not suffered more from the incompetency of departmental officials in the last twenty years than it has from the shortcomings of aldermen, and while I am opposed to the continuance of the present system of having aldermen perform the administrative functions of municipal government, I am equally opposed to the transfer of the administrative function to the departmental officials. I submit this would prove a huge blunder. We are accustomed to hear a great deal of abuse heaped upon the heads of our elected councils from year to year, but it is a question whether this city has not suffered more from the incompetency of departmental officials in the last twenty years than it has from the shortcomings of aldermen, and while I am opposed to the continuance of the present system of having aldermen perform the administrative functions of municipal government, I am equally opposed to the transfer of the administrative function to the departmental officials.

The remedy I have to submit is a board of control. Let the controllers be elected by the city at large for a term of two years, retiring alternately. Let them be paid a salary and devote their whole time to the public business.

Many reasons can be advanced in favor of the administrative branch of municipal government being exercised by a board of control elected by the whole people. Space will permit of only a few of them.

First, the administrative agency should receive its authority direct from the people. It should be of the people, by the people and for the people. It should be responsible to the people. The public have the right to criticize their administrators, and intelligent criticism has always been a wholesome and corrective influence on men in public affairs.

Permanent officials are intended chiefly for the discharge of certain specific duties. They are responsible to the authority that appoints them (that is the council), and are not responsible to the people, and they have no right to take their orders from the people, but the people would always have the right to present their views to a board of control elected from and by themselves.

able to expect that the aldermen who have their own business to look after every day of the week can possibly have anything but a mere smattering of what is going on all over the city in the various branches of the city's service, with its miles of streets and sidewalks, waterworks, street lighting, etc. On the other hand, if we had controllers in daily attendance on their duties, giving their whole time to the work of the city, receiving and reviewing regular reports of the progress of the different operations, and exercising a constant supervision and inspection, we would not have the ever recurring mistakes and costly blunders that have been only too common in the past.

Controllers would also bring about a more expeditious transaction of public business. Under present conditions, when any body of interested ratepayers have some matter to present to the city council, they have to wait until the meeting of the council. The council then usually refer the subject to some committee or official for investigation and report. The matter then comes back to the council again at the next meeting for final action. Now, instead of this roundabout procedure, if we had controllers in daily attendance on their duties, matters of this nature could be laid before them and in many cases dealt with immediately. Where matters of special interest, or importance required to be laid before the whole council, the controllers could look into them in the meantime and be in a position to discuss them before the general council when they come up for consideration, thus avoiding unnecessary delay.

In any sphere of business, private or public, the keystone to success is management. No proprietor of a mercantile or industrial enterprise can afford to take the position that because he has a capable staff of clerks and skilled workmen in his service there is nothing left for him to do. The business needs his constant care and oversight. The same conditions apply to our municipal affairs. As matters are now we really have no management of the city's business.

I have not had an opportunity of exchanging views with Mr. Hanna on this question, but I think he has done the public a distinct service in bringing the matter to an issue. I trust the reasons given here may help the electors to decide in favor of a board of control, and in conclusion would remind your readers that in every city where this plan has been adopted in Eastern Canada it has been pronounced an unqualified success.

R. L. DRURY.

THINKS ORIENTAL LABOR NECESSARY.

To the Editor: Perhaps no province in Canada ever was as much in want of unskilled labor, and, but for politics, nowhere is the supply so abundant and so suitable in every respect. If our premier would only look into the question with an open mind no one could better devise the terms on which the much-wanted laborers could be introduced.

I was very much pleased with Major Dupont's letter which appeared in another paper. Several years ago when a commission of inquiry took evidence as to the wishes of British Columbia on the matter the aggrieved party, particularly the tailors, appeared in full force and told their tale. Few appeared on the other side. This was very stupid of us all. Major Dupont and Canon Beaulieu did give evidence. The Canon we have now lost, in sadness. He was always ready to speak for Victoria. I know one of the commissioners of inquiry said he (Mr. Beaulieu) gave the best evidence that was offered in favor of admission of Chinese labor.

To recapitulate what has often been said of Chinese labor is almost unnecessary. It can be had in abundance on our own terms, and it costs nothing to bring it here. Up to this time the Chinese have paid for admission into Canada, and then they were free to trade in the country. But it has been suggested, and it is quite practicable, to bring them here only to do certain classes of work—domestic service, farm service and unskilled labor of all sorts. When the charge for admission into Canada was \$100 the Chinese did not increase rapidly. The Chinaman always wants to go home with a fortune. How any sane man can grudge him that is incomprehensible. The amount he takes away is but very small and he leaves his work behind.

Well, it has been proposed to allow him to come in, say, for \$100 each, but to restrict him as to the sorts of labor he may do. I do not know what Ottawa or British Columbia has to do with that money. We can get a few of the best men in the Chinaman's outfit to return \$75 for each man to go home, and the remainder, viz: \$25, might be spent in necessary bookkeeping in connection with the transaction, the identification of each man to be secured by a print of his fingers. If the Chinaman takes to other kinds of work he forfeits his \$75.

With Chinamen this could be arranged. There are rich Chinamen here who could finance the matter with the railway companies. The farmers and householders could take care of themselves.

The Chinaman is wanted more or less everywhere. We had many "swells" visiting us lately. Perhaps all their dinners while here were cooked by Chinamen. All the trades union men want Chinamen more or less from the artists in hirsute appendages at the top of the list to the waiters at the bottom. We read every week of sales of furniture "nearly new." I am told that these sales are generally men leaving the province because they cannot get servants. A friend told me he had sold his small farm, but the purchaser asked "what about servants?" When he was told he would be poorer, he said: "Well, I won't bring my wife here to be a slave," and the bargain was off.

A pensioner of \$30 a month said to me: "I think of selling my house and going elsewhere—I cannot pay a Chinaman \$20 a month." Many of our clerks have little more than this \$20 a month, and churches are very slow to increase their pay. Five hundred ladies petitioned the board of trade on the subject. Most of the members of the boards of trade want Chinamen back in moderation, and the government could reserve the right to say enough.

One of the most troublesome of legacies these new railroads will leave us may be white men fit for nothing

when their job is finished. The Chinaman never becomes a burden.

If we had not found work in the city for a large number of men otherwise unemployed, we should have had that number of poor on our hands. I refer to both the work which was necessary and to the work which was decorative. This work has not been paid for. Property owners have to pay it all, and are now beginning to realize this, and the mode of employment concerns the ratepayers. I wonder if in any other city there is an official whose duty it is to declare what is standard wages, which this city binds itself to pay, and if in any other city a discharged hand can go to the mayor and return with a note to the overseer of the work asking him to take on the man again. I report only what I have heard.

A. B. C.

OAK BAY WATER COURSES.

To the Editor:—In Tuesday's issue of the Times, under the caption "Municipality Misrepresented," I was not a little astonished and amused at the report of proceedings in council meeting of Oak Bay municipality. When Councillor Oliver poured out the vials of his wrath upon one of the city papers for stating that during the recent heavy rains, parts of the municipality were flooded. In support of his light-hearted contention that within its boundaries, everything was working in apple pie order. He had appealed to the engineer for expert endorsement, which of course was readily given. He also declared that he had driven round the municipality on the day following the heaviest rains but could find no semblance to floods.

Why, sir, such outrageous rot. It did not need eyes to tell anyone coming within a thousand yards of the junction of Foul Bay and Cadboro Bay roads, any day between November 28 and December 2, that land was being inundated—for the roar of many hundreds of tons of water, madly racing through residential property, breaking fences and stripping well-cultivated gardens of fruit bushes, garden trucks, sheds and outbuildings, all of which was easily seen from the car line on Cadboro Bay road, would, to any capable and unprejudiced person, have been a strong appeal for aid to stop the danger of a recurrence of the trouble. Perhaps, some day, when the last whim of the aristocratic denizen of Oak Bay proper has been appeased, the council will condescend to look to the primal needs of the humbler, but no less fully taxed, residents near the Willows' watercourse.

R. G. H.

BOARD OF CONTROL.

To the Editor: After reading the letter from your correspondent, "A," in last evening's Times, I fully expected to hear from Mr. Hanna some good reasons why a board of control would be an improvement on the present system of administering civic affairs. But, gee, to read his letter in this evening's Times seems to justify any one of the cynical turns of mind in thinking that Mr. Hanna has some inferior object in view other than the mere welfare of our city. If not, why did he not give an intelligent reply to the questions propounded by your correspondent. "A?" They were clearly and deferentially put. Your own remarks on the subject were to the point at issue and did not in any way savor of party politics, for we have in the past had Liberal representation as well as Conservative. Then, why not keep to the point at issue and leave out party politics?

Your correspondent, "A," evidently is, like yourself, quite able to take care of himself, and I for one agree with his views.

I believe the men who represent us in the council have about as good a set of men as we have in the city. They have made mistakes and the ratepayers have to suffer, but that infernal machine that has been hinted at by past members of the board is, I believe, the real source of our troubles. And until some power the gift will give them to see themselves as others see them we will have trouble, board of control or any other aid we may adopt to get rid of our taxes.

While our leading business men have no more faith in our city than to try to get the use of all our assets for private gain our case is hopeless. Look at the Country Club and now the proposal to get a free site for a theatre. Heavens, and these are our leading men who ask for and get these things, where the devil do you expect to get men good and true while such a spirit prevails?

G. E. M.

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Newspapers copying this advertisement without authority from the Department will not be paid.
A. L. JARVIS,
Assistant Deputy Minister and
Secretary of Agriculture,
Ottawa, Canada, 11th Nov., 1909.

CIVIC NOTICE

The Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Victoria having determined that it is desirable to execute the following works of local improvement, namely:

1. To pave the Esquimalt road from the western boundary of the Songhees Indian Reserve to the city limits with tar macadam, and to construct permanent sidewalks of concrete on both sides of said road with curbs and gutters, including cost of expropriation of property;
2. To construct permanent sidewalks of concrete on the north side of Caledonia avenue from Blanchard avenue to Quadra street, and on both sides of Caledonia avenue from Quadra street to Cook street;
3. To grade, rock surface and drain Dublin avenue from Chambers street to Fernwood road, and to construct permanent sidewalks on both sides thereof, and to expropriate certain real property on said avenue for the purpose of widening said avenue to an average width of 40 feet throughout;
4. To grade, rock surface and drain Grant street, between Stanley avenue and Belmont avenue, and to construct permanent sidewalks of concrete on both sides of said street;
5. To expropriate property for the purpose of extending Burdette avenue to Linden avenue, and to construct permanent sidewalks on both sides of Burdette avenue from Cook street to Linden avenue;

And that each and all of said works shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions of the "Local Improvement General By-Law" and amendments thereto, and the City Engineer and City Assessor having reported to the Council, in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 of the said By-Law upon each and every of said works of local improvement, giving statements showing the amounts estimated to be chargeable in each case against the various portions of real property to be benefited by the said works, and the reports of the City Engineer and City Assessor as aforesaid having been adopted by the Council.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the said reports are open for inspection at the office of the City Assessor, City Hall, Douglas street, and that any person wishing to object to the proposed work of local improvement above mentioned, signed by a majority of the owners of the land or real property to be assessed for such improvement, and representing at least one-half of the value of the said land or real property, is presented to the Council within fifteen days from the date of the first publication of this notice. Council will proceed with the proposed improvement upon such terms and conditions as to the payment of the cost of such improvement as the Council may by-law in that behalf regulate and determine.

WELLINGTON J. DOWLER,
C. M. C.

City Clerk's Office, Victoria, B. C., Nov. 23rd, 1909.

"LIQUOR LICENSE ACT, 1909."

I, Charles J. McDonald, hereby give notice that, one month from date hereof, I will apply to the Superintendent of Provincial Police at Victoria for a renewal of my license to sell intoxicating liquors at the premises known as "The Gorge Hotel," situated at Tillikum road, in the district of North Victoria, to commence on the 1st day of January, 1910.

Signed CHARLES J. McDONALD.
Dated this 5th day of November, 1909.

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Signed E. MARSHALL.
Dated this 3rd day of November, 1909.

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SAILOR FELL FROM

MIZZENMAST YARD

Tragedy on German Barque Recently Arrived at Honolulu.

Five days out from Hamburg, while the barque Alexander Isenberg was driving under a full spread of sail en route to Honolulu, a sailor fell from the yard of the mizzenmast to the poop deck, a distance of fifty-two feet, and striking the top of the companion ladder, rolled to the maindeck lifeless. The vessel arrived at Honolulu a few days ago, having been one hundred and fifty-two days on the voyage, via Cape Horn.

For almost a fortnight after leaving Hamburg the Alexander Isenberg had a slow passage, and she was about twelve days in reaching the Lizard. After that she picked up and made a good trip down to the Horn, but met with calmer weather in the Pacific, and was therefore long-

er on the trip than Captain Behring anticipated. The Isenberg brought about 2,500 tons of general merchandise consigned to H. Hackfeld & Co. This is the second visit to Honolulu of the Alexander Isenberg, but Captain Behring is not a stranger to the port. He is the type of bluff, good-natured sailor one meets aboard the German ships.

SAILING STRATHCONA.

Efforts to Float River Steamer, Not Yet Successful.

According to information received from the Fraser river, the steamer Strathcona is now lying in better position than previously, the salving gang having succeeded in passing cables under the hull and raising the boat considerably with the aid of the high tide.

The operation was not altogether successful and will, it is understood, have to be repeated before the vessel is free from the snag which pierces her hull. There is still a possibility that she may slide back into deep water and become a total loss, but the indications are more favorable for her being successfully floated. The Samson is still standing by giving what assistance is possible.

TIMES IMPROVING

IN FAR EAST

Dividend of Five Per Cent. is Paid by Shipping Company.

The accounts of the Japan-China S. S. Company for the last half year were made public recently. They show that the dividend at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum, which is twice as large as that for the previous term. The increase is mainly attributable to the favorable conditions between Shanghai and Hankow. Large quantities of beans and Japanese cotton yarn having been carried during July, August and September. At the same time, the company greatly curtailed its expenditure. The accounts were submitted to a general meeting at the Tokyo chambers of commerce on the 27th, and were as follows:

Total	267,366 yen
Placed to reserve	22,944 yen
Dividend at the rate of 5 per cent.	22,500 yen
Bonuses	10,000 yen
Carried forward	43,975 yen

CURTIS TURBINES.

Successful Test of Latest Engines on Japanese Battleship.

The Japanese use the most recent inventions in the machinery of their steamers. The Curtis turbine turbines were adopted by them and have proved very successful. The following are the results obtained by these turbines on the Japanese battleship.

The turbines drive two screws, and are of the seven-stage type, having wheels of 12 ft. pitch diameter, and were guaranteed to generate 21,000 brake horse power. At the full power they gave 27,142 brake horse power. The reversing power of the turbines was tested at the end of the four-fifths power run by running astern for 15 minutes, keeping the same firing interval and conditions in the boiler room as were used in going ahead. The turbines ran reversed at 188.3 revolutions and developed 11,245 brake horse power. The same company have also supplied Curtis turbines for the battleship Aki, and Japanese yards are building Curtis turbines for two other battleships and three scout cruisers. Two of the latter were ordered as a result of the successful outcome of the Iwakura trials.

PAYSTREAK LAUNCHED.

Vessel Will Be Completed by Christmas and Will Go on Chilliwack Run.

The new passenger steamer Paystreak has been successfully launched from the ways of the Westminster Marine Company, taking the water easily, although her deck is all constructed.

On the first attempt to launch the Paystreak a slight accident occurred, one of the timbers of the ways breaking. This did not affect the vessel more than to delay the launching for a few days. She was taken around to the Schoenke Machine Works wharf to receive her boiler and engines, and will be ready to go into commission by Christmas on the run between New Westminster and Chilliwack.

ADMIRALTY

COURT SITS

CHARMER COLLISION SUBJECT OF LAWSUIT

C. P. R. Suing Owners of Tug Bermuda for Damage Done.

A sitting of the Court of Admiralty is being held here to-day to hear an action for damages brought by the C. P. R. against the owners of the tug Bermuda, arising out of the accident to the Charmer a year ago.

Mr. Justice Martin, local judge in admiralty, is presiding, and the official assessors are Capt. Parry, of H. M. S. Egeria, and Capt. Musgrave, of the Canadian government steamer Lillooet. The usual sombre appearance of a court is relieved by the wig and scarlet gown of the presiding justice, the gold lace of the senior assessor and the wigs of Major Brian H. T. Drake, registrar of the court, and the lawyers, Hinkson Siddall, marshal of the court, is in attendance.

E. P. Davis, K. C., and J. E. McMullen are appearing for the C. P. R., and J. A. Russell and H. B. Robinson for the owners of the Bermuda.

The accident occurred at 1.35 on December 3rd of last year, just after the Charmer had left Vancouver for Victoria. The Bermuda was entering the Narrows with a heavy-laden coal barge lashed alongside, and in a collision which resulted the barge tore a large hole in the starboard bow of the steamer. She was beached at Brockton Point.

Capt. Brown told the story of the collision in replies to Mr. Davis, and was cross-examined by Mr. Russell. He said the Charmer was in the Narrows and was passing the tug Edith as the Bermuda and tow approached. He whistled once to indicate that he would pass to starboard, but the Bermuda whistled that she would pass to port. Seeing she would thus collide with the Charmer he turned to port also and expected he would be able to clear, but the corner of the barge caught the steamer on the bow.

Mr. Russell's questions were directed to showing that the Bermuda, as the giving-way vessel, had the choice of course, and that it was for her and not the Charmer to have whistled first. Capt. Brown admitted that it was usual for the giving-way vessel to whistle the proposed course, but said that it was not unusual for him to do as he had done.

The case is in progress this afternoon.

Steamer Offer has taken two car-

loads of whale oil to Vancouver, to be shipped overland to Winnipeg. Most of this product goes to Glasgow by the Blue Funnel liners.

WRAY CASTLE IS

STILL IN TROUBLE

Two Men Fell Overboard, But Only One Was Saved.

The sailing vessel Wray Castle, from Glasgow, now loading lumber at the Hastings mill, seems to be thoroughly hoodooed. About midnight Saturday a sailor named John Davis, who was born in Hamilton, Ont., and was 57 years old, fell off the wharf while he was drunk.

Captain John R. McPhillips lowered himself over the side and grabbed the sailor and held him until the others of the ship assisted in landing him on deck. The sailor died before medical attention could be rendered.

A sailor on the Lonsdale said that a few minutes before Davis fell in he heard another splash that sounded as if a man had gone overboard off the ship. He was drunk and his statement was little heeded.

This morning Captain McPhillips notified the police that Donald McPhail, an A. B., had not been seen since Saturday and he fears he was the man who fell overboard.

The Wray Castle reached port about a month ago, after a terrible trip around the Horn. Her trip occupied about six months, during which time they ran short of provisions. On arriving here five sailors deserted. Two were arrested and allowed to return to the ship, but one, deserted again and is now serving eight weeks' imprisonment.

PURI MAY ENTER

FERRY BUSINESS

Rumor That Vessel Will Enter Lists Against C. P. R. Princesses.

Waterfront rumors say that Captain Mackenzie, of the Mackenzie Steamship Company, will put the steamer Puri on the triangular run to Seattle, Vancouver and this city as soon as the spring business opens. Captain Mackenzie was in the city yesterday, but he refused to commit himself. The Puri is now on her way from India, and on her arrival will be converted into a passenger steamer, somewhat similar to the Rupert City. The boat is not as big as the Rupert City, but is said to be faster.

It is hardly conceivable that the Puri would be put on the triangular run. The only possible way for her to ply, it would seem, would be from Vancouver to Seattle via Victoria, returning the same way, taking two days for the round trip. In this way she could connect with the northern steamers belonging to the same firm.

It is said that if the Puri does enter the ferry business she will cut the rate considerably, probably to a dollar each way.

C. P. R. IS MOVING

MUCH FREIGHT

Ena Has Ore From North—May Bringing Christmas Goods.

Steamer Princess Ena is due at Ladysmith from the north with a cargo of ore for the smelter. The freighter will then load cargo for Skagway and other Alaskan ports. It is rather unusual for the freight business to be so active at this time of year, it being rather expected that the Princess Ena would have been laid up for the winter.

Steamer Charmer will go to Vancouver for the Christmas freight, the Princess May, which just arrived from the north having been impressed into the service. She will arrive here tonight or to-morrow morning.

There is a large consignment of freight lying at the C. P. R. wharf, destined to Alaskan ports. This will be taken up by the Tees or perhaps the Otter. The freight is for the contractors on the Alaskan section of the line, the work on which is being pushed with all the vigor the time of year warrants.

SHIPPING REPORT

(By Dominion Wireless.)

Tatoosh, Dec. 8, 8 a. m.—Cloudy; wind east 20 miles; bar. 29.44; temp. 40; sea rough.

Cape Lazo, Dec. 8, 8 a. m.—Cloudy; southwest gale; bar. 29.57; temp. 39; sea rough. Princess May south bound at 11 p. m.

Point Grey, Dec. 8, 8 a. m.—Cloudy; wind southeast; bar. 29.30; temp. 36; thick seaward; sea rough.

Pachena, Dec. 8, 8 a. m.—Overcast; wind northeast; bar. 29.40; temp. 38; heavy swell.

Estevan, Dec. 8, 8 a. m.—Overcast; wind east; bar. 29.40; temp. 37; heavy swell.

Tatoosh, Dec. 8, noon—Light rain; wind east 60 miles; bar. 29.30; temp. 38; sea rough; passed out, Snohomish.

Pachena, Dec. 8, noon—Rain; wind N. E.; bar. 29.21; temp. 40; sea moderate. Kaga Maru reported 70 miles from Cape Flattery at 11.10.

Estevan, Dec. 8, noon—Overcast; wind east; bar. 29.25; temp. 43; sea moderate.

Cape Lazo, Dec. 8, noon—Overcast; calm; bar. 29.43; temp. 39; sea smooth; Cowichan south bound, 10.30.

Point Grey, Dec. 8, noon—Cloudy; wind N. W.; bar. 29.38; temp. 39; passed Queen City at 11.35.

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ADVENTUROUS TRIP INTO INNER TIBET

Several Buddhist Temples Are Visited—Murder of One of Party.

In London, C. H. Mears has given details of the remarkable journey undertaken in the unknown borderland between China and Tibet which ended so disastrously in the murder of J. A. Brooke. After being successful in reaching the Chinese-Tibetan border, the explorers started on a second journey into the almost unknown land of the Lolos, their ultimate object being to get to Rima, a mysterious place which has long been a desired but unattained goal. This was stopped by Mr. Brooke's murder, but they obtained valuable maps, data, and photographs of the Lolo country. Many of these were taken from the murdered man, although Mr. Mears was fortunate enough to find some on his body.

Leaving Chentu in February, 1905, the expedition proceeded in a north-westerly direction, across tremendous mountain ranges and the country of the Black River robbers, who proved quite friendly, having probably heard that the explorers were good shots. At the capital of the Runga tribe they found a huge castle perched on an almost inaccessible crag governed by a woman chief. The lady refused to see them or let them in, but they were provided with a house outside, and remained for some time giving medical aid to the people. While here they paid a visit to a great monastery, and distributed a number of mirrors to the children. This had the reverse of the desired effect, for the people declared the explorers were trying to blind them, and they became distinctly nasty.

"They urged us to leave," said Mr. Mears, "but as we declined they held a great ceremony, the object of which was to solemnly curse us. This was an impressive function, at which many musicians were present, and was largely a chorus of the exact nature of the curse we were ignorant, but that nothing happened to us at the conclusion seemed to occasion our friends much surprise. This was increased when they discovered that we were coolly smoking cigarettes and taking photographs of the dread ceremonial.

After this, however, they moved on to the southwest and crossed the Kerm river. At Yuku W. M. Ferguson, who was with Mr. Brooke, spent three days in massaging the chief, and the latter was so pleased at the success of the treatment that he gave the travellers passports through his country, so that they met with no opposition from the bands.

The second trip started with a visit to the sacred mountain of Omei Shan, a celebrated Buddhist pilgrimage place, near which some remarkable cave-dwellings were inspected and found to contain immense numbers of figures of men and animals, showing evidence of a very high and ancient civilization.

ROMANCE OF A GAS MANTLE.

The story of the revolution in lighting efficiency brought about by the incandescent gas mantle is one of interest, as told by F. A. Talbot in Chamber's Journal. The secret of the success of the mantle is largely due to the presence of two rare minerals, thorium and cerium. Baron Auer von Welsbach found that if a cotton cone was soaked in nitrate solution composed of nine parts of thorium and one part of cerium, and subsequently placed in a hot flame so as to burn out all impurities, converting the whole into oxide of the above-named elements, the result was an intense, powerful light, which is now familiar, was emitted when the material was raised to a high state of incandescence over a Bunsen burner.

The thorium used in the process is among the most valuable minerals known. It is found only in one part of the world—that is, in sufficient quantities to render its exploitation worth while. On the outskirts of an insignificant little village in Brazil runs a river which cuts its way to the Atlantic through banks of peculiar sand. Geologically, this sand is built up in strata, and it is the dark layers that are so eagerly excavated by the Indians, for with the sand is mingled the grains of thorium—the secret of the light.

In order to ascertain whether post cards were being read by the post office officials, a girl in Wolgast, Prussia, sent one to a friend, saying that Count Zeppelin would arrive on a certain day on his ship at Wolgast. On that day 200 persons arrived at Wolgast from the surrounding districts to witness the flight.

BOOKS FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

The Christmas season is upon us—unexpectedly as usual—and the helplessness of the thoughtless gift-giver is a familiar sight. His usual refuge, and very wisely, is books. Flowers fade like a summer day, but less beautiful in the dying, while candles are gone before the New Year. But books stand a pleasant remembrance throughout the months. Kindest of friends, unobtrusive, always ready to soothe or amuse, where would we be without them? Let us see if we can help the helplessness. What books shall we choose? Fortunately the choice is varied, and the list long. Among the books by Canadian authors are a number of booklets by Ralph Connor, short stories in presentable form prettily bound in floral covers such as *The Angel and the Star* (2), the Christmas story retold in the beautiful sympathetic style of which the author is master. It is illustrated by color plates and story, and pictures must at this time appeal to every reader. Fashions change but the Gospel cry, "Tell me the old, old story," is always echoing in the human heart. In charming cover, natural design is *"Swan Creek Blizzard"* (2), a thrilling episode of the Northwest. "Breaking the Record," with cover design of mauve and yellow columns, also by Ralph Connor, tells of a perilous canoe trip to the mouth of the Red river. His latest novel, *"The Foreigner,"* (2) will be, of course, a popular gift book. Ralph Connor is a name to conjure with, and this book needs no urging upon Canadians. It is a story of the uncomfortable folk who are trying hard to assimilate, the Galicians. The Russian boy and girl, Kalman and Irma, while they are becoming Canadians, have a fearful time. Bad men, of their own people, make life a hell for them and their stepmother. The story is evidently an appeal for intelligent missionary work among the Galicians. Their ignorance of our language and their suspicions of all strangers, their bad habits, the cruelty of their bosses and the wrongs done them by the tyrannical priests of their own religion, form the theme of the tale. The story is a work of a master-writer rich in experience and feeling and noble endeavor. The pen pictures of the young writers in their fights against the habit of drink engendered by their isolated, poorly-dilled lives, are moving indeed. This is a description of Western Canada. If it were only a drink-free West! How proud we could be! But we laugh at the drunkard and talk of temperance fanatics. The trend of his work in this book is unmistakable and will awaken deep interest wherever it is read. It is readable to the last page, and of absorbing interest.

A series of charming little gift books on sale are fifty, while vellum volumes with water color scenes on cover of which *"Armande"* (2) is an example. This sketch is Parisian in tone, although the opening scenes are in a village of southern France. The authors, the Goncourts, the great French realists, take their heroes and heroines from the humble lives and surroundings of the theatre, the circus, the hospital. Little actress Armande, dainty, pretty, soulless, is a type. The writing is exquisite and polished, French, elusive, elliptical. There was only one de Maupassant, but he has many followers.

Another series of 100 volumes embodies a number of standard works. The warm morocco and gold binding covers many a volume which ought to be in every library. Among these I notice the old tale of James Payne, *"Lost Sir Massingberd,"* (2) with its exciting and tragic plot. It is remarkable how the kind taste remains unabated for this kind of literature.

Still another series of booklets, *"The Widow,"* being the perverse widow of Steele Rediviva, and *"The Widow,"* by Washington Irving. It is in artistic brown binding with dainty etchings for color plates. Another has an example *"My Hope is in Thee,"* a dainty little volume, profusely illustrated with excerpts from the well-known writers with subject "hope," ever illustrative, ever a blessing.

A volume of a British Columbian is always of interest and *"Verse From a Western Isle,"* by Frederic Phillips is no exception. There are poems on Vancouver Island, on Victoria, on the Lake, on Autumn, and one, probably the best in sentiment, on Gold Creek.

The popular *"Songs of a Sourdough,"* by Robert Service, has the same background, the snows of the Yukon, and concerns the same class of people, miners, travellers, adventurers. Both books are eagerly read by all who have felt the spirit of the north. Of course, they claim no literary merit, but there is a considerable strength and vigor of feeling and no doubt a feeling portrait of the varied life of that wonderful region. The poem which seemed to me to have the ring of merit and a certain carrying quality is *"The Trail of '65,"* probably because the history of the famous rush began from our home city and was so fatal in its results. The ruined homes and shattered happiness in even our little world have always seemed most ironic of tragedies.

A novel about which there is much conversation is *"A Flaw in the Sapphire,"* (2). It is indeed a fearful and wonderful production and without undue exaggeration one may credit the author with having produced a unique work. It is a tale of hypnotic suggestion and contains detective scenes, romantic episodes, ludicrous plot, a Niagara of language and evidence of de-

termination to see the thing through cost what it may. It is a freak. So also is a taleless monkey. Some people like monkeys even as ancestors. So it is within the bounds of possibility that the work may find admirers. Either the author is a new satirist, having fun with us all, or the rage for novelty has turned his brain. The idea of a story contained on backs of false shirt fronts and a hero madly tearing through "gent's" furnishing stores to secure the installments emanates fitly from a wag or a lunatic, probably the former.

The *"Message,"* (2), by Louis Tracy runs riot in adventure. From first to last there is not a pause a moment. Every one races, Captain Warden, the young girl he loves, her rival Lady Elinor, his faithful servant Peter, and his son, warships, officers, private yachts, millionaires Lord Fairholme (once gentleman of leisure, now doomed like the rest to perpetual motion), inoffensive missionaries, no end of African savages, gentlemen of the foreign office and so well, even the most innocent of bystanders are swept along. If you pause to take breath and lose a word you are lost yourself. The scene laid first in Coves with the black shadow of the restless Emperor across the yachting festivities, changes to London and officialdom, then to a Scotch shooting box, to the Canary Isles, to the interior of Africa, to Nigeria and back to England. The plot involves massacres, fetiches, riots, intrigues. It is a lively tale.

"The Opinions of Mary," (2) by a Canadian, Alice Ashworth Towle, are expressed with considerable force of language. Here are scenes, one evading work and responsibility by being incapable. "In nearly every family you will find some member from whom nothing is expected. . . . If you want to have what you do for people really appreciated, don't do too much. . . . One good way is to be 'perfectly willing' but rather stupid. . . . If you are stupid about hearing and cause enough difficulty they will give up trying to teach you and do it themselves. On barber shops: 'No doubt—it is right and proper for men to be shaved, but why have the interesting operation performed on the doorstep? On rent: 'After all there are worse things than occupying a rented house. . . . why assume responsibilities and worries let the other man do that.' Of Sunday school picnic failures: 'You remember that the old-fashioned brand of easily-pleased child has died out and there is no satisfying the child of to-day. On the summer visitor: 'Why doesn't she come in the dreary autumn or the long winter when time hangs heavy with the farmer's wife? On drink: 'Women have begged, reasoned and implored on the subject of intemperance long enough. . . . now I want to vote. The Lord helps those who help themselves.'

Those who know Laura E. Richards best as a writer of really delightful child's books will know that a story of her's will be replete with quiet humor and wholesome and sweet and true. Such a one is *"Geoffrey Strong,"* (2) a short novel from her pen. In spite of cynics there are a far greater number of people who like the stories of Laura E. Richards than those who want nastiness, however witty or well written. This is a book any mother will like her daughter to read. The books of *"Scottish Toasts"* (2) and *"Irish Toasts,"* issued this year, are novel and useful. The former in the truest sense is a miscellany of toasts. They are quotations from men, patriotic toasts, toasts to women, love and friendship, humorous and convivial toasts, after dinner stories, and a number of sentiments appropriate for different social occasions. Here are all the old familiar sayings, correctly printed. It is a most useful compendium.

A beautiful gift book is a republication of James Whitcomb Riley's *"Old School Day Romances,"* (2). The workmanship is excellent binding, letterpress and arrangement. A dull brown gold enlivened outside beguiles to the gayly illustrated interior. The familiar lines in their artist's rendering of border illustration and sympathetic pictures gain new interest. The scenes of childhood's years touch many an echoing chord. One loves the awkward boy and the plump maid and has even a kindly feeling for the old school master-tyrant.

A tender tribute to the memory of Edward MacDowell is Edith Wynne Wood Winn's *"The Studies of Life,"* (2). The opening song-cycle contains the words "Live and you will learn to write. . . . Serve and you will learn to love," and is, I fancy, the keynote of the book. Follows the *"Song of Ravanna,"* where the king enters his emotion, "for before him there suddenly passed a wonderful vision, a pageant in tone and he heard for the first time the word Beethoven." *"The Perfected Bow,"* Jean Le Garde and the historic Canadian town of St. Xavier, is a feeling sketch described in fluent English. *"The Grubbiest of Art,"* is a sad little episode. "Astrid" gives signs of a more vigorous style and of pathos, especially in the passing of the child with the "Hear Ye, Israel," echoing in her dying ears while the great prima donna sings in the wards of the vast hospital. The book is in holiday garb in soft gray and gold with a bar from MacDowell's Opus 37 in golden lines on its outer cover.

I have seldom seen among modern authors at least, a more exquisite piece of writing than *"The Love Letters of a Musician,"* and its companion volume, *"Later Love Letters of a Musician,"* (2). Each letter is headed by a few bars of music in somewise indicative of the contents, or rather of the strain in which they are written. All musicians, all lovers of music, will feel a peculiar charm in this delicate blending of the music. The writing is tinged with the highest emotion, musical, coupled with a haunting melancholy which is irresistible and touched here and there with the rapture which only high souls know. They remind us of *"The Story of an Untold Love"* in their portrayal of the fine nature of the writer. As a series of pen pictures of scenes, incidents, experiences of a great musician on grand tour, they are inevitable. *"The Later Letters,"* from the husband travelling, to the wife at home contain this phase, while the earlier book is the story of his courtship. The same high note is sustained throughout. The heart of a musician, the revelation of his, the poet-soul, this we contemplate and must needs with reverence. These companion volumes worthily bound, will make a gift book one is proud to bestow. *"The Master's Violin,"* also by Myrtle Reed, is a charming picture of an old world home and contains a dear little love tale.

A most interesting narrative, by Jessie Fothergill, *"The First Violin,"* (2) has its mise-en-scene in Germany, and for its company a collection of musicians in one of its many musical towns. There is a love story, of course, and a number of minor tales interwoven. The local color and the quaint mingling of German and English makes it entertaining reading. The admixture of folks in the different boarding houses gives the author an opportunity for the character sketches she does so well. Her people are most interesting, the characters carefully delineated. The first violinist, man of mystery, and the beautiful English girl, half woman, half child, are the chief actors in the romance which is so well sustained that no man can tell the end thereof. It is a readable and unusual novel. I am glad to see that the Church of England in Canada has followed the example of the Presbyterian church, and compiled a hymnal for its own use. *The Presbyterian Book of Praise* was so great an improvement, so really beautiful a collection that it has been a joy to all worshippers. The hymn book is indeed a fine collection. I see that the British Columbia member of the hymnal committee is Mr. Percy Wollaston. There are many admirable features about the editing of the book, the fact that the compilation of both hymns and music were done by the same committee. It is to be hoped that the hymn book will quickly be accomplished, that of having the hymn book in use in all the public services of the church.

A story for girls especially is *"Introducing Corinna,"* (2) by Winifred Kirkland, the author of *"Polly Pat's Parish."* The scene is laid in a girls' school in the Eastern States, and autumn of the year 1905. I cannot imagine where can be its prototype. The school would be a flat impossibility in Canada, and I am confident in the Eastern States either. There is a young, beautiful and comely untried headmistress, and her trials with the girls are sympathetically handled. The economy of the school will be drawn from life. The disturbances of the year make exciting reading. It is safe to predict a large audience among school girls for the book.

An exciting story of philanthropy is *"The Big Brothers of Sabin,"* (2) which continues the story of *"The Big Sisters of Sabin."* The author, I. T. Thurston, has drawn a picture of encouraging interest in her delineation of a bad part of New York turned good. The young hero attacks the Tammany ward boss in his lair, and through his band of boys drives the saloon element out of their ward. All the tough places are replaced by public gardens, gymnasiums, night schools, boys' club houses, play grounds and so on. It is a record of a noble achievement and one feels inclined to pray for more of the millionaire philanthropists who made the work of the young hero possible. The book is a terrible arraignment of the saloon element as a moral, physical, and economic pest. It is a book that will be read and approved by many a Victoria comforter by his own fire-side, who nevertheless voted against local option last week or more likely did not think it worth while to vote at all.

A book many of us may like to give to our friends is the latest of Knowles' powerful tales, *"The Altar Guest,"* (2). The author of *"The Undertow"* and *"St. Cuthberts,"* won instant recognition from the Canadian public. These stories of Presbyterian congregations with their homely humor and ever widening interest are great favorites. The tragedy of *"The Undertow"* has here its counterpart insofar as the travail of a man's soul is dwelt upon. The Southern home which is described, the leisurely, hospitable Southern life, with its comfortable country places and its terrible negro problem, its contrasts of generous chivalry and implacable hatred, is here in a new and tragic scene in which the lover of the Southern girl exposes the cause of the negro and is cast out by her family is a fine bit of descriptive writing. The lightness and joy of the opening chapters dies away under the stern realities of a minister's life and that of his wife. All their struggles and trials are pitifully told. The sad trial, the going astray of their beloved son, brings out their noblest qualities of endurance and faith. The minister's point of view, his sacrifice of his charge to his heresy, the willingness of his wife to undergo privations, and their fine devotion to one another, the author's greatest descriptive powers. It is a story that does one good to read. The contemplations of the highest moral and spiritual qualities must be uplifting.

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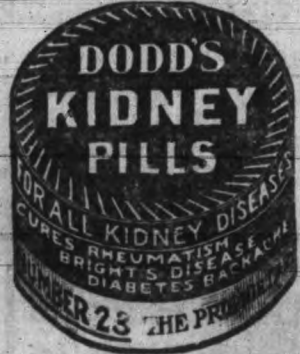
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(By Courtesy F. W. Stevenson & Co.)
Chicago, Dec. 8.
Open High Low Close

Wheat—				
Dec.	107	109	107	109
Mar.	107 1/2	109 1/2	107 1/2	109 1/2
July	98 1/2	100 1/2	98 1/2	100 1/2
Corn—				
Dec.	58 1/2	59 1/2	58 1/2	59 1/2
May	61 1/2	62 1/2	61 1/2	62 1/2
July	61 1/2	62 1/2	61 1/2	62 1/2
Oats—				
Dec.	41 1/2	42 1/2	41 1/2	42 1/2
May	43 1/2	44 1/2	43 1/2	44 1/2
July	40 1/2	41 1/2	40 1/2	41 1/2
Pork—				
Jan.	21 1/2	22 1/2	21 1/2	22 1/2
May	20 1/2	21 1/2	20 1/2	21 1/2
Lard—				
Jan.	12 1/2	13 1/2	12 1/2	13 1/2
May	11 1/2	12 1/2	11 1/2	12 1/2
Short Ribs—				
Jan.	11 1/2	12 1/2	11 1/2	12 1/2
May	10 1/2	11 1/2	10 1/2	11 1/2

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San Francisco Markets

(Times Leased Wire.)

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 8.—Wheat—
Australia and Propo, \$1.74@1.75; Sonora,
\$1.72@1.73; good to choice California Club,
\$1.68@1.69; Northern wheat, Bluestem,
\$1.62@1.63; Club, \$1.61@1.62; Turkey, \$1.50
@1.51; Russian Red, \$1.42@1.43.
Barley—Feed barley, \$1.46@1.47; fancy,
\$1.47; common to fair, \$1.45@1.46; brew-
ing and shipping, \$1.42@1.43; fancy,
\$1.51.
Eggs—Per dozen, California fresh, in-
cluding cases, extras, 50c; firsts, 45c;
seconds, 35c.
Butter—Per pound, extras, 17c; firsts,
16c; seconds, 15c; storage, extras, 30c;
do, ladies, 25c; do, firsts, 25c.
New Cheese—Per pound, new California
firsts, fancy, 15c; firsts, 14c; seconds,
13c; California Young America, fancy,
14c; firsts, 13c; Eastern Oregon, 12c; do,
New York, singles, 13c; do, Daisies,
13c; do, Young America, 13c.
Potatoes—Per cental, River Whites, 75c;
@90c for choice to fancy in sacks, with
extra stock quotable at 90c@91; Salinas,
\$1.15@1.16; Oregon, 85c@86; Sweet
Potatoes, in crates, \$1.15; in sacks,
75c@80 per cental.
Onions—Per cental, yellow, \$1.01@1.02.
Oranges—Per box, new navel, choice,
\$1.75@1.76; fancy, \$2.50@2.51; new Tange-
rina, 75c@80 for small, and \$1.75@1.76 for
large boxes; do, Mandarins, \$1; Valen-
dinas, \$2.51@2.52.

LOCAL MARKETS

Oils—	
Pratt's Coal Oil	1.65
Eocene	1.75
Meats—	
Hams (B. C.), per lb.	27
Bacon (B. C.), per lb.	27
Hams (American), per lb.	30 1/2
Bacon (American), per lb.	30 1/2
Beef (long clear), per lb.	50 1/2
Beef, per lb.	48 1/2
Pork, per lb.	13 1/2
Mutton, per lb.	13 1/2
Lamb, hindquarter	15 1/2
Lamb, forequarter	15 1/2
Veal, per lb.	15 1/2
Suet, per lb.	15

Farm Produce—
Fresh Island Eggs 30
Butter (Creamery) 45
Lard, per lb. 12 1/2
Western Canada Flour Mills—
Purity, per sack 2.00
Purity, per bbl. 7.75
Three Star Patent, per sack 1.95
Three Star Patent, per bbl. 7.75
Hungarian Flour—
Ogilvie's Royal Household, per sack 2.00
Ogilvie's Royal Household, per bbl. 7.75
Lake of Woods, per sack 2.00
Lake of Woods, per bbl. 7.75
Okanagan, per sack 2.00
Okanagan, per bbl. 7.75
Calgary Hungarian, per sack 2.00
Calgary Hungarian, per bbl. 7.75
Excelsior, per sack 2.00
Excelsior, per bbl. 7.75
Oak Lake, per sack 2.00
Oak Lake, per bbl. 7.75
Hudson's Bay, per sack 2.00
Hudson's Bay, per bbl. 7.75
Enderby, per sack 2.00
Enderby, per bbl. 7.75
Pastry Flour—
Snowflake, per sack 1.50
Snowflake, per bbl. 6.25
O. K. Best Pastry, per sack 1.70
O. K. Best Pastry, per bbl. 6.50
O. K. Four Star, per sack 1.50
O. K. Four Star, per bbl. 6.00
Drifted Snow, per sack 1.50
Drifted Snow, per bbl. 6.00

Grain—
Wheat, chicken feed, per ton, 35.00@40.00
Wheat, per lb. 24
Barley 23.00
Whole Corn 38.00
Cracked Corn 40.00
Rolled Oats (B. & K.), 4-lb. sk. 40
Rolled Oats (B. & K.), 20-lb. sk. 1.00
Rolled Oats (B. & K.), 50-lb. sk. 1.50
Oatmeal, 10-lb. sack 4.50
Oatmeal, 20-lb. sack 2.25
Rolled Wheat, 10 lbs. 4.50
Cracked Wheat, 10 lbs. 4.50
Wheat Flakes, per packet 45
Whole Wheat Flour, 29 lbs. 45
Graham Flour, 29 lbs. 45
Graham Flour, 50 lbs. 45
Feed—
May (baled), new, per ton 20.00@25.00
Straw, per bale 75
Middlings, per ton 32.00
Bran, per ton 30.00
Ground Feed, per ton 30.00
Shorts 32.00
Poultry—
Dressed Fowl, per lb. 25 1/2
Ducks, per lb. 25 1/2
Geese (Island), per lb. 25 1/2
Garden Produce—
Cabbage, per lb. 3
Potatoes (local), per lb. 1.00
Onions, per lb. 1.00
Carrots, per lb. 2
Bananas, per lb. 2
Potatoes (local), per ton 15.00@20.00
Butter (Creamery) 30 1/2
Butter (Dairy) 23
Eggs (ranch), per doz. 23
Oats, per ton 27.00
Hay, per ton 19.00@20.00
Corn, per ton 28.00
Grape Fruit 4.00
Tomatoes (local), hot-house 2.00
Watercress, per doz. 1.00
Green Onions, per doz. 25
Radish, per doz. 25
Cauliflowers, per doz. 1.75
Onions (silver skins) 2
Onions (local), per lb. 1.25
Valencia Oranges 4.50
Navel Oranges 3.50
Nutmeg Melons, per crate 4.00@5.00
Pears (local) 1.50@2.00
Egg Plants, per lb. 1.25
Apples, per box 2.00@2.50
Cranberries (New Jersey), bbl. 11.50
Cranberries (local), per bbl. 11.50
Garlic, per lb. 19
Celery 30
Cely (Cal.), per package 1.00@1.75
Figs (Smyrna), boxes 1.00@2.00
Figs (Smyrna), per doz. baskets 1.25
Artichokes (Cal.) 1.00
Persimmons, per box 2.00
Malaga Raisins, 25 lbs. 3.00
Oranges (Tangerine), per box 2.50
Pineapples, per doz. 4.00
Jap. Oranges, per box 4.00

There will be a meeting of all com-
mittee members of the boys' depart-
ment of the Y. M. C. A. this evening in
the association rooms. F. H. T.
Ritchie, secretary of the Y. M. C. A.
boys' work in Canada, will address the
meeting. He is an enthusiastic speaker
and full of information. Mr. Ritchie is
on a tour of all associations in the
West. The speaker will discuss sub-
jects of interest in connection with the
work of boys' department. All mem-
bers are invited to attend.

Vancouver Stock Exchange

(By Courtesy F. W. Stevenson & Co.)
Vancouver, Dec. 8.

Stocks	Mid.	Asked.
Alberta Canadian Oil	41	5
International Coal & Coke	41	5
Portland Canal Mining	21 1/2	21 1/2
Stewart M. & D. Co.	25	25
Western Coal & Coke	19	25
Burton Saw Works	90	115
Great West Permanent	110	110
Unlisted Stocks.		
B. C. Permanent Loan	120	130
B. C. Trust Corporation	85	100
Dominion Trust Co.	100	100
Northern Crown Bank	100	100
Crown Certificates	94	94
Northern Certificate	90	90
Pacific Whaling, pref.	60	60
American Canadian Oil	24	11
B. C. Copper Co.	7	7
Canadian Con. S. & R.	72	80
Canadian Northwest Oil	12	20
Diamond Vale Coal & Iron	7 1/2	7 1/2
Nicola Valley Coal & Coke	53	65
Rambler Cariboo	5	11
Royal Collieries	22	34
S. A. Scrip	610	650

LOCAL STOCKS

(By Courtesy N. B. Maysmith & Co.)
(Private Exchange.)

Stocks	Mid.	Asked.
American Canadian Oil	41	5
B. C. Amalgamated Coal	110	120
B. C. Permanent Loan	120	130
B. C. Pulp & Paper	70	70
B. C. Refining Co.	80	80
B. C. Copper	6.25	7.50
Bakeries, Ltd.	7.25	7.25
Canadian Northwest Oil	12	20
Diamond Vale Coal & Iron	7 1/2	7 1/2
Great West Permanent	110	110
International Coal & Coke	41	5
McGillivray Creek Coal	32	32
Nicola Valley Coal & Coke	50.00	60.00
Nootka Marble Quarries	5.25	5.25
Northern Certificates	90	90
Crown Certificates	94	94
Northern Oil	47	47
Pacific Loan Co.	20.00	20.00
Pacific Whaling Co., pref.	60.00	60.00
Portland Canal Mining	21 1/2	21 1/2
Rambler Cariboo	5	11
Royal Collieries	22	34
S. A. Scrip	610	650
Silica Brick	1.25	1.25
Stewart M. & D. Co.	25	25
Victoria Trans. Co.	30.00	30.00
Western Coal & Coke	19	25

NEW YORK STOCKS

(By Courtesy F. W. Stevenson & Co.)
New York, Dec. 8.

Stocks	High.	Low.	Mid.
Alta Chalmers	154	154	154
Do, pref.	55	54	54 1/2
Amal. Copper	57	56	56 1/2
Amer. Ice	29	28 1/2	28 3/4
Amer. Loco	61 1/2	61 1/2	61 1/2
Amer. Smelting	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2
Do, pref.	111 1/2	111 1/2	111 1/2
Anaconda	48	48	48
Atchafalpa	122 1/2	121 1/2	121 1/2
B. & O.	117 1/2	116 1/2	116 1/2
B. R. T.	82 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2
C. P. R.	181 1/2	180 1/2	180 1/2
C. & O.	88 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2
C. & A.	62 1/2	62	62 1/2
C. & G. W.	20	19 1/2	19 1/2
Do, pref.	25 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2
C. M. & St. P.	154 1/2	154 1/2	154 1/2
C. F. & I.	50 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2
Do, pref.	120 1/2	120 1/2	120 1/2
Con. Gas	151 1/2	150 1/2	150 1/2
D. & H.	184 1/2	183 1/2	183 1/2
Erie	34	33 1/2	33 1/2
Do, 1st pref.	49 1/2	49 1/2	49 1/2
Do, 2nd pref.	50 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2
Gen. N. Ore. etc.	81 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2
G. N. pref.	143 1/2	142 1/2	142 1/2
Ill. Cen.	146 1/2	146	146 1/2
Inter-Metro	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2
Do, pref.	62 1/2	62 1/2	62 1/2
Int. Paper	154 1/2	154 1/2	154 1/2
Do, pref.	50	50	50
Int. Pump	52	51 1/2	51 1/2
Do, pref.	204 1/2	204 1/2	204 1/2
L. & N.	151 1/2	151 1/2	151 1/2
M. K. & T.	48 1/2	47 1/2	47 1/2
N. Y. C.	127 1/2	126 1/2	126 1/2
N. & W.	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2
People's Gas	114 1/2	114 1/2	114 1/2
Reading	171 1/2	170 1/2	170 1/2
Rep. Steel	46 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2
Do, pref.	106 1/2	106 1/2	106 1/2
S. E.	120 1/2	120 1/2	120 1/2
Do, pref.	124 1/2	124 1/2	124 1/2
Do, pref.	125 1/2	124 1/2	124 1/2
Utah Copper	50	50	50
Wabash	21 1/2	21	21
Do, pref.	57 1/2	56 1/2	56 1/2
Ann. East St. L.	170 1/2	170 1/2	170 1/2
Kas. City Sou.	47 1/2	47 1/2	47 1/2
U. S. Rubber	53 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2
Do, 1st pref.	117 1/2	116 1/2	116 1/2

MINING STOCKS

(By Courtesy F. W. Stevenson & Co.)
Spokane, Dec. 8.

Stocks	Mid.	Asked.
Alameda	3	3
B. C. Copper	7	7 1/2
Canadian Con. S. & R.	72	72
Copper King	42	42
Gertie	1	2
Granby Smelter	100	100
Humming Bird	6	10
Hypocrite	2	3 1/2
International Coal & Coke	81	85
Igora	2	2 1/2
Idaho S. & R.	59	71
Kendall	15	15
Lucky Jimmet	2 1/2	2 1/2
Lucky Jim	47	50
Mineral Farm	1	2
Missoula Copper	5	5 1/2
Monitor	54	54
Nabob	2	2
Norfolk & Pacific	4	7
Portland Canal	19	25
Rambler Cariboo	5	10
REX	5	5
Snowshoe	6	7 1/2
Stewart	167	170
Wonder	1	2
Cem. Park	4	5

A meeting of the finance committee
of the Y. M. C. A. was held last even-
ing. It was decided at the meeting to
make a recommendation to the board
of directors that a personal canvass of
subscribers to the new building must
be made before the structure can be
commenced. Considerable other rough
business was transacted.

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NEW BUNGALOW, Hillside Ave., lot 50x125, fenced; reception hall, parlor with grate and mantel, dining room, kitchen and pantry; three nice bedrooms and bath and toilet upstairs; price right, with small cash payment, balance monthly payments.

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NICE LEVEL LOTS on Hillside, \$700 each; terms.

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\$2,100—6-ROOMED DWELLING on car line, Niagara street; half cash, balance at 7 per cent.

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\$2,000—QUEBEC STREET, MODERN 7-ROOMED DWELLING, newly painted and in good order; easy terms.

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6 ROOM BRICK HOUSE, modern, on John street; price \$1,900, good terms.

NEW 6 ROOM HOUSE, fully modern, on Poul Bay car line, good large lot; price \$2,300, good terms.

NEW 7 ROOM HOUSE, fully modern, on Ontario street; price \$2,000, good terms.

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RUSHING WORK ON BRANCH LINE

Over Three Hundred Men Employed on Road From Phoenix to Wellington Camp.

Phoenix, Dec. 7.—With a force of over 300 men on the construction work of the new Canadian Pacific branch from Phoenix to Wellington camp, the route of the new line is rapidly being transformed from a mountain wilderness into a navigable highway.

The right-of-way is now practically cleared. J. B. Tierney, who is in charge of construction work, states that he expects work will be commenced this week on the construction of the bridge to span the Fourth of July creek. The trestle will be 240 feet long by 60 feet deep. Mr. Tierney expects, if the weather does not become too severe, to have 2,000 feet of track laid from the junction with the C. P. R. main line by December 15th.

NELSON CURLERS

READY FOR SEASON

Officers Elected at Annual Meeting—Formation of Ranks.

Nelson, Dec. 7.—There was a large attendance at the annual meeting of the Nelson Curling Club. After the financial report had been presented by the secretary-treasurer, N. Cavanaugh, which showed the club to be in a healthy condition, officers were elected as follows: Honorary president, J. H. Fox; president, C. D. Blackwood; vice-president, J. H. Wallace; executive committee, A. T. Waller, J. H. Wallace, J. G. Bunyan; umpires, Alex. Carrie, Donald Guthrie; membership committee, F. A. Starkey, J. G. Bunyan, George Thurman, A. T. Waller, J. Holmes, Jr., Roy Sharp; delegates to Kootenay Curling Association, C. D. Blackwood, J. K. Bunyan.

Robert Elliott was elected secretary-treasurer, and at a meeting of the executive committee after the general meeting he was engaged as ice-maker. A long discussion took place as to the best system of forming the ranks, and eventually it was decided to classify the whole membership, at the beginning of the season. The executive committee will have this duty on its hands, and will elect the skips, and will sort the rest of the members into thirds, seconds and leads. The skips will have the choice of thirds, and the order will be reversed for choosing seconds, thus ensuring a certain equality among the ranks. Plans will be laid for about 25 ranks and more will be formed if the material offers. The general rule will also be put into force, of classifying first year men as seconds, second year men as thirds, thus encouraging the green players.

FRACTURES SKULL.

Woman Jumps From Window When Fire Breaks Out in Room.

Vancouver, Dec. 8.—Madame Hulse, proprietress of the Turkish Bath establishment at 635 Granville street, is lying in the General hospital with a fractured skull, the result of a wild jump from the sidewalk which she made when alarmed by fire at about 9 o'clock on Sunday morning. She had gone to bed, leaving an overheated stove, which ignited the woodwork. She was in no danger, but the smoke in the room frightened her so that she jumped from the window and fell with her head on the cement sidewalk 20 feet below. Some pedestrians saw her prelude to leap and waved their hands to warn her to desist. She fell, almost at their feet and was soon moved to the hospital where she now lies convalescent. The fire in her room was not at all serious and was soon extinguished.

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True, some eat what they never pay for; smart they are, but why pay for what you cannot eat? (chickens, turkeys, etc.) We make a specialty of dressing young fowls, stuffed, ready for the oven, at 30c per lb. To order for Saturday, send post card on Tuesday.

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News of the Province

MINING STUDENTS

MAY VISIT ROSSLAND

Minnesota Professor is Preparing for Next Summer's Work.

Roseland, Dec. 7.—E. M. Lenerts, professor of geology of the University of Minnesota, recently wrote to A. B. Mackenzie, secretary of the Associated Boards of Trade, stating that the department of geology of the university is planning its field work for next summer. A class of six or eight advanced students, under the direction of their professor, will investigate the economic resources, minerals, water powers, water supplies, soils, and building stones of a selected area. The latter continues: "Practical work of this kind has a commercial value; but the Minnesota university field parties do their work free, and furnish their reports without charge. We are about to decide on the area for next summer's work, and we wish to consider several regions in order to choose the one which is best suited to our requirements."

To this Mr. Mackenzie replied as follows: "Referring to your favor of the 24th inst., there are many fields in British Columbia that would prove instructive to your class, and the Roseland camp, of which a detailed structural survey has been made by the Geological Survey of Canada, should furnish an interesting study of mineral deposits, principally gold-copper ores. Not far from Roseland on the Great Northern railway, near Nelson, are the deposits of Sheep Creek camp are worthy of attention, while on the Canadian Pacific railway, in the Crow's Nest Pass of the Rocky mountains, there are immense deposits of bituminous coal being opened up."

"Marble and building stones are quite plentiful in the Kootenay country, while water supplies in this district are most interesting. Hydro-electric power for this section is generated from Bonington falls on the Kootenay river, where two up-to-date plans are in operation."

"I am sending you a copy of our last annual report as well as some maps, topographical and geological, of Roseland camp. These I trust may give you some useful information, and I would suggest that you get in touch with R. W. Brock, director of the Geological Survey of Canada, at Ottawa, Ont., who can furnish further particulars of the various sections throughout the domain where your class could obtain interesting instruction."

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C. P. R. OFFICIALS

AT NEW WESTMINSTER

Congratulate Mayor on the Progress and Prosperity of City.

New Westminster, Dec. 7.—Several prominent C. P. R. men paid an official visit to the city. They were W. R. McInnes, general traffic manager, Montreal; W. B. Lanigan, assistant general traffic manager, Winnipeg; W. C. Bowles, general freight agent, Vancouver; and J. G. McNab, freight agent, Vancouver. In the course of the afternoon they paid a visit to Mayor Keary and had an informal talk with him on railway matters. They congratulated Mr. Keary on the substantial growth and prosperity of the city and expressed themselves as well pleased with the business done at this point by their company. J. A. Lee, the president of the board of trade; T. J. Trapp, and several other of the prominent business men of New Westminster were also called upon by the visitors, who found that the merchants for the most part had little to complain of regarding the freight service of the company, although some of them indicated that a reduction in rates would meet with favor.

NEW TRAMWAY

BUILDINGS AT NELSON

Work on Substation and Car Barn to Commence Shortly.

Nelson, Dec. 7.—At a meeting of the board of directors of the Nelson Street Railway Company, Ltd., Alex. Carrie, the architect, was authorized to call for tenders for the construction of a sub-station and a car barn. The sub-station will adjoin the sub-station of the city on Carbonate street, at the rear, and will be one story high, constructed of concrete, stone, brick and iron. It will be 22 feet long and 14 feet wide.

The car barn will occupy the site of the car barn that was burned, near the skating rink, on Hill Mains road. It will be a frame building, covered with corrugated iron, and will be 25x30 feet. It will contain two tracks. Adjoining it will be a machine shop 16x20 feet.

It is the intention to proceed with the erection of these various structures at the earliest possible moment.

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TO RENT—Furnished house, 4 rooms, kitchen, pantry and bath. Apply owner, 1151 View street.

FOR RENT—4 roomed house, with large garden and stable, on Yates street, between Vancouver and Quadra. \$25 per month. Gillespie & Hart, 115 Langley street.

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For Sale—Acreage

FOR SALE—Section 25, Highlands District, 100 acres, goodly tract, 2000 feet good bottom land, fishing lake on property, good hunting; price \$1200. Write P. O. Box 583, Vancouver, B. C.

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FOR EXCHANGE—1 section wheat land, fenced, 30 acres broke, 4 miles from good town, 24 from siding, for 30 acres good improved farm in Sooke, Vancouver Island; house, fruit trees and fine water piped all over the place, plenty of fuel, land all fenced. Apply to P. O. Box 15, Victoria.

ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY ACRES for sale in Highland District, close to mountain lake, low house beside stream, which never goes dry; good hunting and fishing; some land cleared, but mostly timbered; \$1200. Box 583, Times Office.

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PIANO FOR SALE—A bargain, piano, as new, \$100 cash or time. Apply to Caldwell's, white house on Head street, opposite Capt. Jacobson's.

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FOR SALE—Upright piano, almost new; for cash or time; must sell on account of dislocation of family. Apply T. C. Drama, general delivery, Victoria, B. C.

XMAS PRESENTS—A chance to obtain your Xmas gifts at your own price. Selling at and below cost. Auction sale every Saturday afternoon 1.30, and evening 7.30. Alaska Bazaar, 1139 Government street.

FOR SALE—Tools, guns, clothing, curios, crockery, etc., at sacrifice. At the 212 Second Hand Store, Oriental Hotel, Johnson street, opposite Panagos Theatre.

GREENHOUSES, flat bottom boats, long ladders, steps, meat safes, dog houses, in stock and ready to order. Jones, Corbett Carpenter and Jobbing Factory, 1003 Yates St., cor. of Vancouver St.

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TO LET—Housekeeping suite, 4 Menzies street.

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